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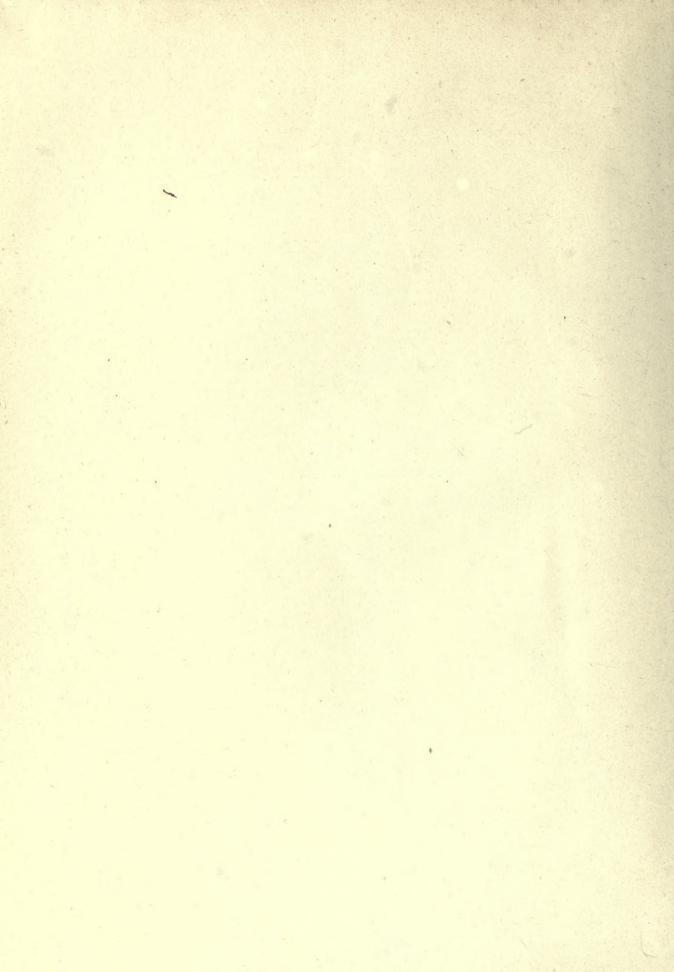
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PART I SUMERIAN RELIGIOUS TEXTS



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The texts in this volume have been copied from tablets in the University Museum, Philadelphia, and edited in moments snatched from many other exacting duties. They present considerable variety. No. 1 is an incantation copied from a foundation cylinder of the time of the dynasty of Agade. It is the oldest known religious text from Babylonia, and perhaps the oldest in the world. No. 8 contains a new account of the creation of man and the development of agriculture and city life. No. 9 is an oracle of Ishbiurra, founder of the dynasty of Nisin, and throws an interesting light upon his career.

It need hardly be added that the first interpretation of any unilingual Sumerian text is necessarily, in the present state of our knowledge, largely tentative. Every one familiar with the language knows that every text presents many possibilities of translation and interpretation. The first interpreter cannot hope to have thought of all of these, or to have decided every delicate point in a way that will commend itself to all his colleagues.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AJSL ,	The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures.			
В	Brünnow: A Classified List of Cuneiform Ideographs.			
BA	Beiträge zur Assyriologie, edited by Delitzsch and Haupt.			
BE	The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania,			
22	edited by Hilprecht.			
CT	Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, etc., in the British			
	Museum.			
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society.			
KAT ³	Keilinschriften und das Alte Testament, 3te Aufl.			
M	Meissner: Seltene assyrische Ideogramme.			
OBW	BARTON: The Origin and Development of Babylonian Writing.			
PBS	University of Pennsylvania, The University Museum, Publica-			
	tions of the Babylonian Section.			
PSBA	Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archæology, London.			
SBAD	BARTON: Sumerian Business and Administrative Documents			
	from the Earliest Times to the Dynasty of Agade. It is			
	Vol. IX in PBS.			

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No. 1.

THE OLDEST RELIGIOUS TEXT FROM BABYLONIA.

This cylinder, found by Dr. Haynes at Nippur, remained unpacked in the basement of the Museum until after Professor Hilprecht's connection with the Museum had been severed. It was apparently broken when found, for parts of it were obtained from three different boxes. These were identified by the writer, and the text pieced together from eight different fragments. The Museum attendant afterwards fastened them together. Parts of nineteen columns of writing remain. Not more than one whole column of writing is lost.

The beginning of column i is unfortunately lost. The only proper names beside those of deities that can be identified in it are those of Nippur, Kesh, and Khallab (Aleppo). The interpretation of an inscription written in pure Sumerian would be in any case difficult. In the present instance interpretation is rendered doubly difficult by the loss of the opening sentences, which, perhaps, contained the name of the writer and certainly indicated the occasion of the composition. Under these circumstances it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the interpretation offered below is purely tentative. The conclusion that the writer has reached is, however, that the inscription was written as a foundation cylinder at a time when the temple at Nippur was repaired, and that this repair was probably undertaken because of a plague that had visited the city. Apparently the plague had made its way to Nippur from

Kesh. While the occasion of the inscription appears, therefore, to have been historical, the inscription itself is of the nature of an incantation.

The script in which it is written is that of the dynasty of Agade.¹ It is slightly more archaic than the business documents of this period,² but similar differences are observable between the business scripts and those of religious texts in every period of Babylonian writing. As the dynasty of Agade ruled from about 2800 to 2600 B. C., the incantation here recorded is of equal if not greater antiquity than the Pyramid Texts of Egypt.

During the excavations a pavement of the temple terrace at Nippur laid by Naram-Sin and his successor Shargalisharri was found.³ It is, in the absence of definite information as to where Dr. Haynes found this cylinder, plausible to conjecture that it was written at the time of this reconstruction. The probability that our text comes from one of the two great kings of Agade mentioned above is increased by the fact that the hold of the later rulers of the dynasty upon Nippur seems to have been uncertain, and there is no evidence that they did any building there.⁴ We now know that these two monarchs belonged to the dynasty of Kish and Agade that ruled Babylonia for 197 years, and the data published in 1914 by Dr. Poebel⁵ and in 1915 by Professor Clay⁶ enable us to fix this period as from 2794 B. C. to 2597 B. C. Naram-Sin ruled for

¹ Compare Barton, The Origin and Development of Babylonian Writing, Part I, pp. 204-221.

² See Barton, Sumerian Business and Administrative Documents from the Earliest Times of the Dynasty of Agade.

³ See HILPRECHT, Exploration in Bible Lands During the Nineteenth Century, 1903, p. 388 ff. and CLAY, Light on the Bible from Babel, 1907, p. 117.

⁴ See A. Poebel, Historical Texts, Philadelphia, 1914, p. 133 f.

⁵ PEOBEL, Historical and Grammatical Texts, No. 3; Historical Texts, pp. 92 ff. and 132 ff.

⁵ CLAY, Miscellaneous Inscriptions in the Yale Babylonian Collection, p. 30 ff.

forty-four years (2704-2660 B. C.) and Shargalisharri twentyfour years (2660–2636 B. C.). The oldest of the pyramid texts of Egypt was written in the reign of Unis, a king of the fifth dynasty, whose reign, according to Breasted's chronology, was 2655-2625. It seems more probable that our text came from the reign of Naram-Sin than from the reign of Shargalisharri. The bricks of Naram-Sin were three times as numerous in the pavement of the temple court at Nippur as those of his successor. Naram-Sin¹ and Shargalisharri² each calls himself, "builder of the temple of Enlil," but it would seem probable that Naram-Sin constructed the terrace early in his reign of forty-four years and that Shargalisharri repaired it after it had had time to fall into disrepair fifty or more years later. If our somewhat uncertain chronologies are correct, Shargalisharri's reign was nearly contemporaneous with that of the Egyptian king Unis, while that of Naram-Sin antedated it. It is more probable that a foundation cylinder would be placed beneath the structure when it was first constructed than when spots in its worn pavement were repaired. It is, accordingly, a plausible conjecture that our cylinder was written early in the reign of Naram-Sin. In that case it is probably half a century older than the pyramid text of Unis and is the oldest extended religious expression that has survived from any portion of the human race.

This consideration gives to the text a supreme interest. It contains a primitive, but comparatively refined strain of religious thought. The men who wrote it entertained the animistic point of view. The world was full of spirits of which they were in terror, but chief among these spirits were gods,

¹ HILPRECHT, Old Babylonian Inscriptions, No. 3.

² HILPRECHT, *Ibid.*, Nos. 1 and 2.

who, however capricious, were the givers of vegetation and life. They could be entreated, and man's hope lay in placating them. The text exhibits the neighborly admixture of religion and magic so characteristic of Babylonian thought.

When compared with the pyramid texts it presents one striking difference. They centre around the king and are interested in his fortunes as he enters among the gods. One text represents the Egyptian king as a cannibal, who in heaven eats gods to obtain their strength! This Babylonian text, on the other hand, represents the community. If not the religious expression of a democracy, it comes at least from an aristocracy. The interests involved are those of the city of Nippur. It represents the point of view of a Babylonian city-state.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

(i)	(i)
1'. é-ê-da	1'. He came forth,2
2'. keš³-ta ba-ta-ê	2'. from Kesh he came,
3'. nik-ku ^d en-lil	3'. the food of Enlil
4' da-[an]-til	4'. gives him life.
5'. dmuš-ir pad-balag4(?)	5'. Unto Şir ⁵ there is a cry;
6'. · i]n-šag-ga	6'. she grants favor,
$7' \cdot \dots \cdot nigin \cdot \dots \cdot til(?)$	7'. makes all live.

¹ See Breasted, Development of Religion and Thought in Ancient Egypt, New York, 1912, 127 ff.

² This might, of course be rendered, "It came forth." Since the preceding context is lost, it is not certain what the subject of the verb is. From later portions of the text it is tempting to conjecture that it was some epidemic which spread from Kesh, as the pestilence is said to have spread from city to city in Philistia in 1 Sam. 5.

³ The ideogram for Kesh is almost identical with the form of it in the Laws of Hammurabi, iii, 32, except that there it is followed by ki while here it is followed by $li\bar{s}$, possibly to be read tu. At Nippur, the sign tu apparently had the value of ki, for in the "Sumerian Epic," published by Langdon, the name of the god Enki is several times spelled en-tu.

⁴ The expression pad-balag appears to be a compound phrase for a cry. $Pad=qib\hat{a}$ (OBW, 407^{12}), and balag=balaggu or balangu, "cry" or "howl." The expression could, apparently, denote either a cry of sorrow or of joy.

⁵ For a discussion of this deity, see the general comments on this text below.

(ii)	(ii)
1' šu	I'
2'. idig[na] azag a-kib-nun azag	2'. The holy Tigris, the holy Eu-
2 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	phrates,
3'. gat azag den-lil	3'. the holy sceptre of Enlil
4'. gar-sag mu-gub	4'. establish Kharsag;
5'. ib-bi-ġe-[gá]l	5'. they give abundance.
$6'$. $\hat{g}at-b[i]$ $ur[u]$	6'. His sceptre protects(?);
7'. bar-ba zur	7'. [to] its lord, a prayer
8'. nunuz-ki	8'. the sprouts of the land
9'lù nu	$9' \cdot \dots \cdot man(?) \cdot \dots is not(?)$
$10' \dots m\hat{e} \dots bi$	10'are(?)numerous(?)
$II'. [me]s [^den]-lil$	11'. The hero, Enlil
12'. [mu-d]a-laġ(?)	12'. makes bright.
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(iii)	(iii)
$1'$ al $[l\hat{u}]$	1'protect(?) [man]!
2'. ama¹ gig al lù	2'. O lord of darkness protect man!
3'. ama ud al lù	3'. O lord of light protect man!
4'. ama dar al lù	4'. O lord of the field protect man!
5'. ama bara al lù	5'. O lord of the sanctuary protect
	man!
6'. mú² ug-zu singu³	6'. Clothe thy king in singú!
7'. dingir ga lù	7'. O god be favorable to man!
8'. ug-gi temen sag-gi	8'. Make strong the new temple-
	platform!
9'. den al dù-rim	9'. O divine lord protect the little
	habitation!
10'. buru4 engur lul al-la5	10'. O well of the mighty abyss, give
	protection!
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¹ The sign ama is the ideogram for "wild ox." It was also employed as an ideogram for emuqu, "strong," "deep," "wise," for bêlu, "lord," and for qarrâdu "warrior"; cf. OBW, 183. It was a favorite epithet of Enlil. A whole series of hymns at Nippur is known as the series ama-e bara-na-ra, "the wild ox of his sanctuary"; see Reisner, Hymns, p. 33, etc., and Langdon, Sumerian and Babylonian Psalms, p. 96 f. The "wild ox of the sanctuary" is in that title an epithet of Enlil. In line 5' we have the very expression ama bara, "wild ox of the sanctuary"; there can be little doubt, therefore, that the passage is an appeal to Enlil. For al=naṣâru, see OBW, 260³.

² For $m\hat{u} = lab\hat{a}su$, "clothe," see OBW, 481³⁰.

² For singu cf. B, 7100. Cf. also l. 11 below.

⁴ The sign buru may be due to an accidental perforation of the tablet. If omitted, the sense would not be materially altered. It would be "O mighty abyss, give protection!"

⁸ Possibly the reading is *al-ku* here, but, if so, the sense would be unaltered.

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11'. sig1 al sig singu	11'. A large garment, a singu garment,
12'. úz gi-zaģa-qa-a²	12'. A goat thou bringest(?) let
	them be offerings(?)!
(iv)	(iv)
1'še	1'
2'. šargé-gé	2'. Abundance(?)he restores.
3'. gù nar-ne gù nar-ne	3'. His musician sings; his musician
	sings:
4'. uru-da ba-la	4'. "To the city he gives protection,"
5'. e é-mud	5'. The temple he strengthens;
6'. mušen a-ba šub-bi	6'. O bird ³ , who can overthrow it?
7'. rug-má lál-a-ge zid a-ba-ta sig-gi	7'. My gain is great. The flour—by
0	whom is it increased?
8'. ge edin lal-a é-za a-ba-ta dê	8'. A plain is filled. Thy water—by
, , , , , ,	whom is it poured out?
9'. da-ba la é-gal ru ga mu-rug	9'. His hand makes the overflow of
10' 1:1 1-14 Y Y 1	great waters; it increases fatness.
10'. lil-lal ⁴ gašan šú mud	10'. The demon, the cloud-lord is im-
11'. mušen a-ba šub-bi	petuous;
12'. rug-ma lal-a-ge a-ba-ta sig-gi	11'. O bird, ³ who can overthrow him?
12. rug-ma tat-a-ge a-va-ta sig-gi	12'. My gain is great,—by whom is it poured out?
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(v)	(v)
1'	1'
2'. ^d nin-ģar-sag-da išib-lil	2'. To Ninkharsag belongs demon-
	enchantment;
3'. azag-išib ⁵ šu-na mu-[ru?]	3'. brilliant enchantment her hand
	[created(?)];
4'. dba-da mu-na e-ni-gé-gé	4'. Bada opposed to her his word (?)6
5'. gá-azag ga-mê gá-rug ga-mê	5'. "The house is bright," may she
	say ⁵ !
	"The house is pure," may she say!

¹ Apparently a list of offerings begins here.

² Cf. OBW, 593.

³ Perhaps to be rendered, O Enlil; cf. OBW, 83².

⁴ B, 5940.

⁵ The sign $m\ell$ (išib) signifies "incantation," "enchantment" (OBW, 478^{5, 6}) and also šasû, "to speak." The context indicates that here $m\ell$ means to "say as an incantation." ⁶ OBW, 62³.

6'. 'lù tuģ azag-nigin mê. 6'. 'Which is lofty, brightest of all,' (may) she say! 7'. nu-gù azag-gi 8'. gi bil-erin bi. mê 9'. šu-ni nam-ma-ku- 10'. dug IImu-na 10'. Two jars they [pour out] for her; 11'. II pimu-n[a-d]ê 12'. šukum ki aga rà-a-bi 13'. dug mu-da-ni-šub 14. dmuš-ir pad-balag 15			
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10. X¹-qi dumun-šù igi-dú-ni lord, raise the eye! 11. igi-na ba-na-gar lord, raise the eye! 12. qag-ê² kes nam-mi-gub lord, raise the eye! 13. sig-šú ba-ni-il lord, raise the eye! 14. sig-šú uru nu: lord, raise the eye! 15. lord, raise the eye! 16. To the source(?) of life, the divine lord, raise the eye! 17. His eye he lifted up to him; 18. that which came from Kesh did not cease; 19. on the weak³ he laid hold,⁴ 10. To the source(?) of life, the divine lord, raise the eye! 11. His eye he lifted up to him; 12. that which came from Kesh did not cease; 13. on the weak³ he laid hold,⁴ 14. for the lowly³ he [withheld(?)] not protection.⁵ 15			
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protection. ⁵	_		
	14.	sig-šú uru nv	
	15.		15
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¹ OBW, 219.

² B, 6509.

³ The sign is OBW, 527. It may mean either "weak" or "lowly."

⁴ See OBW, 2771.

⁵ Lines 10-14 are very enigmatical. According to my understanding of the text, col. v directs offerings and prayers to Ninkharsag, or Şir, on account of the plague that had come from Kesh. Col. vi, 3-6 reminds the worshipper that certain great powers are in the

(vii)	(vii)
1'	1'
2'. e(?) mu-na-ú	2'. the temple nourished them;
3'. ud-bi-a rá zal-la	3'. at that time ³ satisfaction came.
4'. kisal(?)-bi gub ên	4. Its platform(?) stands as an incantation ⁴ ;
5'. ^d muš-ir pad-balag	5. unto Şir there is a cry.
6'ku	6'
7'	7'
8'. e	8'. The house
9'. dumu-m[u] gá-aš	9'. "My son, in the house(?).
10'. a-na a-mu	10'. What is my present ⁵ ?"
11'. nar(?)na	II'. The musician(?)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
(viii)	(viii)
1' En peš	1' the mighty divine lord
2'. gal-dig-ga mu-rug	2'. increases greatness.
3'. ká-gal sig-gar ba-gar	3'. The great gate to bolt he appoints,
4'. gál-mu šu-a mu	4'. my door for protection he
5'. gišdingir	5'
6'	6'
7'	7'
8'	8'
9'giš-mu-še(?)	9'may he be favorable(?)
10'. igi an-šù ni-il-da	10'. To heaven he lifts an eye

control of the gods, or at all events not in human control. It would seem probable that lines 7–10, from which so much is lost, contained Ninkharsag's response, ending with the command to look to the divine source of life,—probably to Enlil. Line 11 states that man lifted his eye to him; line 12 that that which came from Kesh (by hypothesis an epidemic), did not stand; lines 13, 14 tell how he (Enlil) delivered the lowly.

¹ The sign is broken; it may have been sa, "net" (OBW, 11818), but the context does not favor it.

⁴ An early expression of the idea that the very presence of a holy building drives away evil spirits and evil events and acts as a protection to a place.

² For the meaning akâlu, "feed," "nourish" see OBW, 273².

³ Probably referring to the stopping of the plague.

⁵ This sign (OBW, 521) has many meanings. It might be rendered "figure," "image," "vessel," "sceptre," "bed," "rest," "love," and "present." The last mentioned meaning seems to best suit the context.

11'.	dun giš-zi-dim	11'. opened1 by the tree of life!
	dù-mu	12' my dwelling.
		13'
		14'
(ix)		(ix)
1.		1
2.	nam-šag-ga	2favor
3.	sangu ni-nam	3. the priest proclaims.
4.	gá-ku ne-da	4. The firm house he raised up;
5.	ab-lal²-bi šag-ga	5. its nest is favorable;
6.	maš-ra ni-mê³-nam	6. for the prince he appointed it.
7.	kas-kas-dim	7. Like a heap
8.	ģul-zi ģe-um-é	8. may the joy of life be great!
9.	ki-nam-uš-ni	9. From his cohabitation4
10.	muš dam-dag-šù mu-dim	10. with Sir, the brilliant wife, he
		created
11.	da dara-giš-dim	11. a strong one, like a full-grown ibex,
12.	$ki gar^5 [t]il n[e-g]u$	12. whom he commanded to guard life.
13.		13
14.		14
15.		15
(x)		(x)
I.	û-uru-a u-uru-šù	1. "The light of the city,6—in the
		light of the city
2.	na-nam	2. are they;

¹ Cf. OBW, 427⁸. The translation given above is the only intelligible one the writer can make out of the two fragmentary lines. If more of the context were preserved, it might appear that the sense was something quite different. As it stands the passage seems to imply a knowledge on the part of the Babylonians of a story kindred to that of Genesis 3. However, in the absence of the context one cannot build on this.

² ab-lal has two meanings, aptu, "a nest" as of swallows, and naplaštu, "scales" or "balances" (cf. B. 3841, 3842). As "house" is mentioned in the preceding line, the word has been translated by the first of its meanings. If the second meaning were chosen, the passage would imply that the god possessed scales similar to those that are so often pictured in Egyptian inscriptions as belonging to Osiris.

³ For me-ni-nam,—an example of the early Sumerian indifference to the order of syllables.

⁴ On this passage see the discussion which follows the translation.

⁵ Gar menas "a guard;" it can probably express the verbal form of the thought also.

⁶ Lines 1-6 are not clear to me. They are capable of at least two interpretations. I have translated them as though they are an address of the "strong one who was told to guard life" (col. ix, 11, 12) concerning the demons of sickness. This is one possible interpretation; cf. JAOS, XXXVII, 27.

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3.	gig-uru-a gig-uru-šù	3.	The darkness of the city,—in the darkness of the city
4.	na-nam	4.	are they;
	mu-uru-a mu-uru-šù	-	The people ¹ of the city,—among
			the people of the city
_	na-nam		are they.
	ud-na ul-ul		Whenever there is gladness
	nin-na gir-gir		its lady is strong
	eš en-lil ^{ki}	-	O house of Nippur.
	ud-na ul-ul		Whenever there is gladness
	nin-na gir-gir		its lady is strong,
	dingir-ni di-da		its god is just."
	gù ^d urudu-e		Urudue speaks
14.	ki ^d da-uru ^d urudu-e		with Dauru. Urudue
15.		15.	
16.		16.	
(xi)		(xi)	
	igi en-gal an-[na]		before the great lord Anu(?),
	nin-gal den-lil		the great lady of Enlil,
-	dnin-gar-sag	-	Ninkharsag,
	igi gin-gal an-na		before the arbiter, Anu,
	nin-gal ^d En-lil		the great lady of Enlil,
	^d nin-gar-sag-ra		even Ninkharsag,
	uš mu-ni-gù		the exalted one spoke:
	gi bil-mu-ni erin-bi.		"On my fire much cedar
	a-maš vii	200	my seven brightnesses
	kam-mu mun-dag		makes brilliant.
	ki muš-gir-da		With mighty Şir
	bal-bal dingir-da-za		are the fruits of thy wise divinity.
	^d id-maģ		The great divine river
	nig-tur-zu-a mu-da-rà		to thy vegetation comes.
15.	sig-ra did-da uru	15.	for the overflow of the divine
			river the wall
16.	mu	16.	[thou makest(?)]"
(xii)	(xii)
	dšar-kim?		Like the garden god
	gù lil-gir ba-ra(?)		she commands the strong spirit to
2.	gu in-gir va-ra(:)	2.	make
			mane

¹ Cf. OBW, 62³⁴.

- 3. giš pi-pi dišgara-nigginakku
- 4. šag geštin-a-šaru-ba mu-mar-mar
- 5. igi lag-lag šir-gal
- 6. dingir-da um-é
- 7. gašan-mê zid dingir-el
- 8. nu-gù gi-azag làl-zu
- o. da-ra-ta-bar-e
- 10. gù-li gab nunuz nar še-a
- 11. gú-gur pu-gin
- 12. gašan-mê lù lam-dal-ešku-kim
- 13. sig dsá-sá-é
- 14. zag-zag-gir an-lag
- 15. šu-sig šika-til an-ga
- 16. gal....

(xiii)

- 1. bur . . . ši dub
- 2. [d] $mu\check{s} \dots bar \dots gal-gur$
- 3. lag-šir(?) den-lil
- 4. en-lilki-šù
- 5. gig-šù mu-mar-mar
- 6. dtišpak-ra ki za-ba-unu4-šù5

- 3. The pipi-plants of Iskhara-niginakku;
- 4. among his 3600 vines she sets them.
- 5. Before the sunlight is the great light
- 6. to the goddess, the mother.
- Our lady, faithful one, brilliant goddess,
- 8. unspeakable is the brilliance of thy goodness!
- 9. From Dara¹ is food;²
- thou speakest, the gab-grain sprouts, abundant is the wheat;
- 11. the wide bank is an increasing orchard.
- O our lady, man is like a sprout of three fronds,³
- 13. the planting of the divine begetter.
- 14. Strong foundations he establishes;
- 15. a full hand, a full vessel, he fills.
- 16.

(xiii)

- 1. A libation bowl [he] poured out
- 2. [to] Sir [at] the great sanctuary.
- 3. The fiery offering of Enlil
- 4. at Nippur
- 5. on account of the sickness he presented:
- 6. to Ishtar from the land of Khalab,4

That an Ishtar from Aleppo should be worshipped in Nippur in this period is interesting,

¹ Dara, "ibex," enters as an element into a number of epithets of Enlil and Enki; cf. Michatz, Die Götterlisten, etc., p. 23.

² Perhaps to be rendered "fodder" or food; cf. OBW, 77⁷⁸.

³ Cf. OBW, 9325.

⁴ The Sumerian reading of this name is given in CT, XII, 28, 28, though the last sign or signs are unfortunately there erased, leaving only za-ba legible. The ideogram occurs in Reisner's Hymnen, 99, 67, and in slightly different writing in PSBA, XIII, 158, CT, XV, 19, 7, and the Code of Hammurapi, iii, 52. ZIMMERN, ZA, III, 97 and Tammuz, 133, Hommel, Grundriss der Geographie und Geschichte des alten Orients, 386, 390, and R. F. Harper, Code of Hammurabi, 7, take it as an ideogram for Aleppo. While this is not absolutely certain, it is probable.

 $^{^{5}}$ \mathring{su} , as a post-positive equals adi, ana, and ina. Ina in Akkadian sometimes is equivalent to "from." I take ki..... \mathring{su} in this phrase to be equivalent to ki.....ta, "from," which occurs so often in the temple archives, e. g. HLC, 15, 43; 21, 11.

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7. gig-šù mu-mar-mar	7. on account of the sickness he pre-
	sented;
8. ^d en-ki-ra	8. to Enki in the deep
9. gig-šù mu-mar-[mar]	9. on account of the sickness he pre-
	sented
10. $lag(?)^1$ -šir ^d en-lil	10. the fiery offering(?) of Enlil.
11. en-lil ^{ki} u-maš-šu kù-e	11. O Nippur on abundant food thou
	feedest,
12. a-maš-šù gú-gú	12. of abundant water thou drinkest,
13. ga-ģar-a menari-ne-na	13. luxurious fatness is in that store-
	house:
14. menari-na nu-mu-gál	14. that storehouse thou dost not lock;
15. ga uru-a nig temen-na	15. the fatness of Akkad is the pos-
1). ga wiw a mig wimen ma	session of the temple.
16	The state of the s
10	. 10
()	(xiv)
(xiv)	
1	2. Enlil declares to him:
2. ^d en-lil mu-ab-a-gù	
3. a-zig gig igi-ki-ka	3. "Removed ² is the sickness from the
	face of the land."
4. a-uru-a ne-ba-lal-lal	4. "As a protector thou removest
	it,"—
5. ^d en-lil-a ne-ne-é	5. Enlil's are they,—
6. a-uru-a ne-ba-lal-lal	6. "as a protector thou removest it.
7. edin nig-bil-za	7. The plain is thy royal possession;
8. nig-bil maš mu-gál	8. the royal possession bears fruit.
9. edin nig temen-za	9. The plain is the possession of thy
	temple;
10. nig temen maš mu-gal	10. the possession of the temple bears
200 000 00000 0000	fruit.
II. gir-mag gud-kú ad nig-zu	11. The great dagger, the ox-devourer,
2. Vinas Proportion and Link In	O father, is thy possession;
12. $e\check{s}$ $en-lil[^{ki}]$	12. the house of Nippur
13. ni-ši-bi-a ne-ba-nà	13. it waters, it exalts.
13. mi-si-ot-a ne-ou-na	17. It waters, it exaits.

but not strange. Clay has shown that the dynasty of Agade was of Amorite origin (Amurru, 190 f.). During its supremacy and even later, there must have been Amorite inhabitants in Babylonian cities, who, of course, brought their deities with them.

¹ The part of the sign remaining looks like the beginning of *um*, but is the same sign as in line 6. It may be intended for *dub* or *lag* (OBW, 270). I have tentatively read it *lag*.

² Cf. B, 11445.

	zabar-mag-zu uš (?)		Thy great weapon is lifted up."
15.	gan-kul mu-gi ģu	15.	The seeded field the bird discovers.
16.		. 16.	
(xv) .	(xv	7)
I.	en	1.	lord
2.	$\dots nig-gi\dots$	2.	possession
3.	d[en-lil] sag-šù	3.	for Enlil, the prince,
	gig-šù mu-mar-mar	4.	on account of the sickness he pre-
			sented.
5.	nam-nam-rà	5.	"Let it not come!
6.	nam-nam-rà		let it not come!"
7.	$ud^{d}nin-[\dot{g}a]r-[sag]-a(?)$	7.	When to Ninkharsag
	^d nin-urta		Ninurta
9.	mês-lam-ta ê	9.	coming from Mêslam
	ud gê maġ-maġ-a	-	day and night with might
	rug gir bar-n[e] mi-tuk		the increase of his cattle protects
	ug-gi		
	zag mu-ni-kešda		The foundation thou strengthen-
,		-).	est for it,
14.	si-si-ma-ta za	14.	thou fillest,
	lal-lal-ma-[ta za]		thou raisest up.
-		-	
(xv	i)	(xv	i)
,		,	·
	giggig		sicknesssickness
	šu-nigin šar-na-a	-	all, in its entirety.
	guruš-i [dingir] lam-ma		Lord of life, god of fruit,
	guruš-zi dingir lam-ma		Lord of life, god of fruit,
	ká-dug tab-bi dê		pour out good beer in double
,	3		measure;
8.	dêna zal sig	8.	pour it out, make abundant the
	. 0		wool!
9.	ama-mu azag rá zu-a na-ur	Q.	O my mother, brilliant one, come!
,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2.	The flour withhold not!
10.	kala-zu šar(?)-na um-bar¹	10.	(may) thy might man's garden(?)
	•		restore!1

¹ Cf. OBW, 3018.

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II.	ama-mu [dingir]-nin nu-gud mê-a	II.	O my mother, divine lady, is there no might with thee?
12.	diģ gig šu-šu-a ne-šub	12.	To expel the sickness, I pray
			earnestly!
13.	tur-li nu-mê a-lil	13.	In the fold (may) there be no
			demon!
	a-gig a-bil-a		sickness, fever
15.	diģ'	15.	expel
	(about seven line	s ar	e defaced here)
(
(xv		(xv	•
	gig		The sickness
9.	iv temen-za mu-ni-da	9.	Four (times) thy temple platform approaches.
10	sal-mênasal-mê	10	The priestessthe priestess
	dup ^d en-zu tab pu-bi		The down-pour of En-zu makes
	and the first first		deep his well
12.	ki-tur-ra-bi	12.	which he dug.
13.	lal-es ki-a nin-urta rà erim		The sea fills the land; Ninurta
			comes as a laborer;
14.	[ki] mu-rug $zag[l]i-a$	14.	[who] increases the boundary abun-
			dantly(?)
15.		15.	•••••
(xv	iii)	(xv	iii)
-	,	-	
2.		2.	
	nam-ê-na		Let him not come!
4.	ki-am nam-gud-du		Like the wild-ox his strength
5.	mu-mê gub	5.	is terrible.1
6.	\dots gig \dots ki	6.	sicknessthe land.
7.	[dingir]-nin gù	7.	O divine lady, speak
	ne-ne		\dots them
-	mudag(?) uru	-	establish(?) the city.
	gú-la na-ra		Let not the full bank overflow!
	zag-gi-é ni-kal(?)		The side is strong,
	gub-na a-ag-gi		its firmness, complete.
	gi-ba ģe-mi-dê		May its reeds be abundant,
	dingir-en-a elim-til-la		O divine lord, living ram
15.		15.	

¹ Gub is a predicate adjective after mê = bašu; cf. OBW, 207⁴².

(xi	x) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(xix)
,	niru nigin-šar	1. when (?) thou makest (?) all vegetation
2.	lullù igi-igi-ii-[ni]	2. strong is man; his eyes see.
3.		3
4.	bar-bar-ra	4brilliant(?).
	kud ga-sub-a-zu	5. The decree do thou establish!
6.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6
7.		7
8.	engur-al(?)bur-bi	8. The deep abyss for a libation-
		bowl
9.	nì-za-šù nin	9. By thy wind, O lady,
10.	nam-nam gu ¹	10. command not the storm-cloud(?)2
11.	rà-na den-zu rà	11. to come! O Enzu, come.
12.	ku-še ģe-gana-an	12. Let the meal offering be abundant!
13.	ki-zu mu-šu-eš-gub	13. Thy land it establishes.
14.	lù-lù gù	14. Men say:
15.		15

An interesting peculiarity of the palæography is the writing of the determinative *kam*, which is often placed after numerals as in the cone of Enlitarzi.² In column xi, 10, of our text it is written on the next line after the numeral to which it points. The possessive *mu* "my" in the same line refers back to the noun in the preceding line.

It is interesting to note that in this text, in accordance with a wide-spread conception of early men, water was regarded as holy. The Tigris and Euphrates are twice spoken of as holy rivers, and the "mighty abyss" (or well of the mighty abyss) is appealed to for protection (col. iii, 10).

As was to be expected the principal deity mentioned in the text is Enlil, though Enki is also prominent, and Enzu and some minor gods are also mentioned. The name Ninlil does

¹ Cf. OBW, II, p. 251, note **.

² See ALLOTTE DE LA FUYE, Documents presargoniques, No. 32.

not occur. The spouse of Enlil is here called by two other names, Ninkharsag and Mush or Sir. That Ninkharsag was one of the names of the consort of Enlil has long been known. but the new light that the text throws on the Snake goddess Sir is important. That she was a goddess down to the time of Esarhaddon has long been known,1 though Jastrow in his great work, Religion Babyloniens und Assyriens² appears to have overlooked it. In an inscription of Esarhaddon published in BA, III,3 Sir is defined as "bê-lit, "the divine lady," while in another copy of the text we find Sir ibel.4 The scribes of Esarhaddon were therefore uncertain as to her sex.—a fact that indicates that she was actually in process of being transformed from a feminine to a masculine deity. 5 Zimmern supposes that Sir was identical with the dragon-serpent Tiamat, but the references to her in our text disprove that view. She was regarded as a beneficent goddess, a friend to mankind. Although Sir appears in this text as a goddess, the serpent deity was also from early times sometimes regarded as a god.⁷ According to our text Mush (Sir) was a spouse of Enlil. She was very wise. Her counsels strengthen the wise divinity of Anu (xi, 11, 12), a statement which reveals a point of view similar to that of Genesis 31: "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field."8 Snake worship is very old and has been widely scattered over the earth. It is not strange, therefore, that one of the roots of the cult at Nippur should

¹ Cf. ZIMMERN, KAT³, 504 ff.

² Vol. I, 55, 105, 163 ff. So also WARD, Seal Cylinders, p. 127, and LANGDON, Tammuz, 120 f.

³ P. 297, 42; cf. p. 238, 42.

⁴ Cf. BA, III, 307, 34.

⁵ See the writer's Semitic Origins, pp. 120, 125, etc.

⁶ Loc cit

⁷ See WARD, Seal Cylinders, No. 362 f., and LANGDON, Tammuz, 120 f.

⁸ In later times \$ir appears mainly on the boundary stones; cf. W. J. Hinke, BE, Series D, Vol. IV, p. 229 and the translations passim.

have been the snake-goddess. One passage concerning her is very interesting. "From his cohabitation with Sir (Mush), he begat one strong as a large ibex, whom he told to guard life." (ix, 8–11). This statement embodies an idea very wide-spread among men, that important acts of creation are the result of cohabitation between a god and a goddess. This idea is expressed in lines 22–30 of a tablet which describes the origin of a city and the beginnings of agriculture, published by Langdon, and which he calls the Sumerian Epic of Paradise, the Flood, and the Fall of Man,¹ as well as in No. 4, line 22 ff., and in Nos. 4 and 8 of this volume; it appears in the Japanese myth that all things were generated by the union of Izanagi and Izanami,² in Indian myths, which represent the earlier Vedic cosmogonic ideas, and which refer to acts of creation as acts of generation.³

Another point of interest which the text makes prominent is the connection of Ninkharsag with enchantment. To her is attributed the function of enchanting the demons, or of keeping them away by incantations. If I rightly understand the text, a number of sentences are given, the utterance of which by her, was supposed to banish demons from the temple. A recollection that some such function attached to Ninkharsag is found in one of the *Ritualtafeln*⁴ published by Zimmern, in which divination by oil, connected with the name of Enmeduranki is somehow also connected with the name of Ninkharsag. A line in the text is broken, so that it does not appear whether it is divination by oil, or Enmeduranki himself that is

¹ See G. A. Barton, in *American Journal of Theology*, XXI, 576 ff., and Jastrow in AJSL, XXXIII, 112 f.

² See G. W. Knox, The Development of Religion in Japan, New York, 1907, p. 21 ff.

⁸ Cf. A. A. MACDONNELL, History of Sanskrit Literature, New York, 1900, p. 132.

⁴ H. ZIMMERN, Ritualtafeln für den Wahrsager, Leipsig, 1901, No. 24, l. 26.

called "a creation of Ninkharsag," but the text attests a later belief in her connection with the subject. It appears that in the lapse of time her patronage was transferred from enchantment to divination. In this connection it is stated that a deity named Bada, who is otherwise unknown to me, opposed, or was hostile to Ninkharsag. From the point of view of suffering men, Bada, then, if not an actual devil, was one of the not-altogether-friendly divinities that had in him the potentialities of devilship. Perhaps this is too strong a statement of the case, for, in Babylonian thought, the gods were subject to all the passing moods of men, and Bada may have been thought to oppose Ninkharsag's beneficent restraint upon demons, not of settled purpose, but on account of some temporary dislike of men.

In column x, 13 mention is made of Urudu-e, or the Bronze god. In CT, XXIV, 49, 5b Urudu is defined as Ea. It is probable, therefore, that in our text Urudu is an epithet of Enki. The lists of gods in CT, XXIV further record a god *Urudu-nagar-dingir-e-ne*, literally "The bronze-carpenter of the gods" or "The metal-worker of the gods" (cf. CT, XXIV, 12, 25; 25, 87b), and *Urudu-nagar-kalam-ma*, "The metal-worker of the world" (CT. XXIV, 12, 24; 25, 87a). The simple phrase, "the Bronze god," suggests a god represented by a bronze statue, but the name may have originated because the god of wisdom was believed to have imparted the knowledge of working metal. As Ea is the Semitic name usually applied to Enki, it is probable that in our text Urudu-e is Enki.

The passage that mentions Urudue says that he spoke with a deity called *Da-uru*. In CT. XXIV, 1, 13 *Da-uru* is given as one of the names of Anu. When it is said in our text that

¹ Cf. Paul Michatz, Die Götterlisten der Serie An ^{flu}A-na-um, Breslau, 1909, p. 19.

Urudue spoke with Dauru, it is but another way of saying that Enki addressed Anu.

As among all early peoples the presence of the temple, the abode of deity, was thought to afford protection to the land (col. vii, 5 ff.). This idea persisted in Israel down to the time of Isaiah or later, (cf. Isa. xxxi, 4, 5).

In col. xii, 3, the name of a deity is expressed by nigin, the ideogram for double enclosure, or grand total. CT. XXIV, 18, 9b gives the Sumerian name of this deity as Ishkharanigginakku, and the Semitic as the goddess Ishtar.

This goddess who is said by her ideogram to sum up the totality of deity, is said to be the possessor of $^{gi\bar{s}}pi-pi$, i.e. the pi-pi-tree or pi-pi-plant. This plant is mentioned in K 71b, iii, 21,—a tablet published by Küchler, where the writing is $^{5am}pi-pi$. It was a plant believed to have medicinal properties, since in the tablet published by Küchler it is an ingredient of a medical prescription.

Another interesting statement is found in col. xv, 8 ff., where the phrase mês-lam-ta-ê, or as formerly read šid-lam-ta-e, follows the name of Ninurta or Nin-ib. This phrase is in later texts connected with the name of Nergal, and later still, with the planet Mars.² The phrase means, "the hero who comes forth from lam," or "the prince who comes forth from lam." The only known meanings of lam are "sprout," "to bear fruit," and ninšabu, perhaps, "be blown away" from the stem našabu, "to blow,"—a meaning applicable to the falling petals of a flower, or to the pollen of a fruit-bearing plant. The sign lam itself probably originated in the picture of a ploughshare, thus suggesting growth and fruitfulness. When this phrase describes

¹ Beiträge zur Kenntniss der assyrisch-babylonischen Medizin, Leipsig, 1904.

² Cf. LASTROW, Religion Babyloniens und Assyriens, 1, 64, 185, 11, 18, 11, 628 f.

Ninurta as "the hero who comes forth from lam," what does it mean? May the meaning not be suggested by two seals published by Ward on which a god is represented as a walking tree? In each case a human form takes the place of the treetrunk, the head is surmounted by the horns that are emblematical of deity, and from the body the branches of a tree grow. Probably we see in these figures the picture of the "hero who came forth from vegetation" (lam). It is this hero who comes forth day and night from vegetation, as our text says, who protects the increase of the cattle. This deity is declared to be Ninurta or Ninib, rather than Nergal. It thus becomes probable that the deity referred to under the name Mês-lam-ta-ê in the time of Dungi, of the dynasty of Ur, was Ninib rather than Nergal.

In conclusion it should be noted how closely sickness is associated in the text with the work of demons. In col. x, 18, according to one interpretation,³ a demon is adjured not to fly to the darkness of the city, the light of the city, or the people of the city. The Babylonian view that sickness was demoniacal possession was so all-pervading that its primitive character does not need demonstration. The evidence of this text on the point is, accordingly, what we might expect.

¹ Cf. WARD, Seal Cylinders of Western Asia, Nos. 374, 378.

² CT, V, 12217 and 1X, 35389.

³ The rendering given in the text seems more probable, but the passage is difficult.

No. 2.

AN OLD BABYLONIAN ORACLE(?).

This text is very enigmatical. The interpretation of it here put forth is given with great reserve.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

	THE TRAINING
(i) 1. gal-X¹ kud-du 2. garaš-bar zid-da 3. Al-la-dKal 4. mega-išib-bi ama gub 5. nam-ṣir-ge 6. men mega-išib bur-pad-da	 (i) 1. The great victim(?) is cut open; 2. the oracle comes forth. 3. O Alla-Kal, 4. the wise priest firmly establishes (it). 5. Of the apparent fate 6. I, the wise priest, am beholding
6. men mega-isto our-pau-aa	
7. gal 8	the whole. 7. The great
(ii)	(ii)
1. bùr-dub	1. The destructive axe
2. ^d En-lil-lal	2. Enlil
3. ^d En-ki-ta	3. from Enki
4. ģe-gál-ne	4. verily will take.
5. ki-dEn-ki gub	5. Standing with Enki
6. nam-šar-a-ge-a	6. in wisdom
7. en mu-ģe-gál	7. the lord verily will receive it;
8. me-ģi-la	8. verily he will guard it!
9. [men] mega-išib-maģ	9. I, the wise high priest,
10. [ki] ^d En-zu na	10. whom Enzu exalts,
(:::\	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(iii)	(iii)
1. dingir-dingir-ra	i. the gods
2. an-šar-ru	2. address.
1 See p. 22 ff	

¹ See p. 23 ff.

	7 .	9.1			C 2 2
2	b1-	din	014-0	111-1	w-da
9.	100	urr	gii-u	100-0	[n]- da

- 4. ge-gub
- 5. utu-utu
- 6. erin-erin
- 7. emê an-babbar
- 8. dEn-zu an-da
- 9. ki dEn-zu ni-utu

(iv)

- 1. ni-utu
- 2. aš nun-me-sù [ni]-maģ
- 3. dingir-ri-ne
- 4. an-še-ter-da
- 5. zag-du
- 6. erin ni-dim
- 7. šu-e-e
- 8. útu siris
- 9. gal-unu
- 10. dEn-lil-lal

- 3. Unto the god I say:
- 4. "May there stand
- 5. the dwellings
- 6. of cedar."
- 7. His mouth he opened,
- 8. Enzu said:
- 9. "Where Enzu dwells

(iv)

- 1. he dwells.
- 2. As one of the bearded princes he is exalted.
- 3. His god
- 4. shall fasten
- 5. the foundation firmly;
- 6. with cedar he shall build.
- 7. Strong are the houses;
- 8. the dwelling is of aromatic wood,
- 9. the great dwelling
- 10. of Enlil."

The text here presented is enigmatical and difficult, and it must be confessed that its interpretation is uncertain. That offered here is merely tentative. If I rightly understand it, it is an oracle obtained from the inspection of a victim by a seer for Allu-dKal, who wished to rebuild the temple, or some buildings that formed a part of the temple at Nippur. The building was to be constructed of cedar. I take it that the destructive axe which Enlil is to receive from Enki is the axe with which the cedars are to be cut. Enki, the god of wisdom, was supposed to be the inventor of working wood as well as the discoverer of working bronze. This axe and its work, it is declared Enlil will guard. The priest then adjures the gods, addressing Enzu in particular, requesting that the dwellings of cedar may stand, and he declares that in reply Enzu assured him that Alla-dKal

dwells where he (Enzu) dwells, that he (Alla-dKal) is exalted as one of the bearded princes, that the foundation shall be firmly laid, the dwellings constructed of cedar, and the great dwelling of Enlil of aromatic wood.

The sign which I have rendered victim(?), is an unidentified sign. It is, apparently, an older form of , a sign which Langdon in AJSL, XXXIII, 48 ff. reads šûb and equates with shepherd. His evidence for this is that in a syllabary of the time of Lugal-ušum-gal published by Schileicho in ZA, XXIX, 79 gal- occurs next to gal-šab, which Langdon translates "great shepherd" and reads šub. It has the value šab according to all the syllabaries, and means "great priest" or "great baru-priest." Langdon's inference that because the two words follow each other in the syllabary they are therefore synonyms is likewise fallacious. Moreover the Sumerian word for shepherd is not *šub* but *sib* or *siba*. In Clay's *Miscellaneous* Inscriptions of the Yale Babylonian Collection, No. 12, there is published a larger duplicate copy of the syllabary ascribed to Lugal-ušum-gal in the ZA text. A study of this makes it clear that the larger part of the syllabary is occupied with a list of Sumerian words before which gal, "great" could be written. Thus in col. i we have gal-kal, "large laboring-man;" gal-muš, "large serpent;" gal-dim, "large dim-grain;" gal-sangu, "high priest;" gal-sangu-e, "large priest-house;" gal-ti, "long life;" gal-pa-šag, "large palm grove"; gal-muš pa, "large fearful(?) serpent;" gal-tuk(?), "long hair;" gal-keššeba, "great image;" gal-muš+muš+sir, "great shinbiltu-tree;" gal-pa-bi, "great terra cotta sceptre;" gal-pa-urudu, "great bronze sceptre;" gal-e, "great house." Col. ii is mostly occupied with a list of garments, but in line II we find gal-numun, "abundant seed;" in l. 13 gal-sil. "large prayer-offering." Line 14 has the heading nun-mê, "princes" or "great men." Naturally therefore l. 15 begins galsangu," high priest"—a term which here occurs for a second time. The end of the second column and the beginning of the third are defaced. When col. iii becomes legible we read: gal-li, "great unguentary (of a temple court);" gal-kisal, "great temple court;" gal-šab, "great barû-priest;" gid-šab, tall barû-priest; then gal- the phrase in question, which is followed by gal-tur, "a great court-yard" or a "great fold." It is clear from this list of words that because one word follows another they are not necessarily synonyms. The context of the expression gal- in the Nippur inscription suggests that some meaning like victim would be appropriate, and it would not in the syllabary be inappropriate for a victim to be followed by the fold from which the victim was taken. I accordingly tentatively translate "a large victim."

If I am right in taking the Al-la-^dKal as a proper name it is proof that *al-la*, though sometimes the name of a deity preceded by the determinative *dingir*,¹ is not, when not so preceded, always a deity as Huber supposes.² It is a predicate element here. The name means, "the god Kal protects."

Muš in col. i, 5 is spelled with the sign for serpent (OBW, 328). Here it apparently represents a phonetic spelling of Muš "appear, appearance" (OBW, 115).

In col. iv, 2 the phrase aš-nun-me-sù, "one of the bearded princes," is interesting. Nun has the meanings "great," "prince," "strong," "lord," and preceded by the determinative

¹ See E. Huber, Personennamen in den Keilschrift-Urkunden aus der Zeit der Könige von Ur und Nisin, Leipsig, 1907, p. 45 f., and G. A. Barton, Haverford Library Collection of Cuneiform Tablets, Philadelphia, Vol. 111, 1914, p. 12.

² Op. cit., p. 185.

for divinity may denote Anu, Ea, Bel, or Sin. The Sumerian deities are pictured on the seals as bearded, although the Sumerians themselves were beardless. Eduard Meyer has shown that this is because the Semites were the first settlers in Mesopotamia, and that, after the invasion of the country by the Sumerians, the Sumerians adopted the local traditions of various Semitic deities and pictured their gods as bearded. Since this is the case, may not the phrase be a hint to Alla-dKal that he may be deified as were Naram-Sin, Gudea, Dungi, Bur-Sin, Gimil-Sin and others?

No. 3.

HYMN TO DUNGI.

The colophon to this tablet states that it is the first of a series addressed to "My King," and the contents make it clear that the king was Dungi. The tablet was originally considerably larger than at present and contained six columns of writing. Columns i and ii have suffered at the ends by breaking; columns v and vi, at the beginning; while columns iii and iv have been almost destroyed.

Similar hymns to Dungi have been published by Langdon in BE, XXXI, Nos. 4 and 5 and in PBS, X, No. 7 (translation, p. 136 f.). Such compositions appear to have been introduced into Babylonian worship in the time of the dynasty of Ur, and were continued into later dynasties. Thus two hymns to Ishmi-Dagan of the dynasty of Nisin are published by Langdon, BPS, X, Nos. 9 and 14. A text to Ibi-Sin of the dynasty of Ur is also published below.

This custom seems to have been introduced with Dungi. Was it begun during his life-time, or only after his death? Mercer has contended (JAOS, XXXVI, 360–380) that no Babylonian king was worshipped during his lifetime, but that all such worship developed after their death. He overlooked, however, the fact that his contention is nullified by proper names that were given during Dungi's reign. On one tablet (HLC, II, pl. 53, No. 10) the following names occur: ^ddun-gira-kalam-ma, "The land is for the god Dungi;" ^ddun-gi-kalam-ma-ģi-li-bi, "The god Dungi,—the land is his delight;"

dun-gi-à-uš, "The god Dungi is the strength of man;" ka-dun-gi-ib-ta-ê, "The word of the god Dungi goes forth;" ama-dun-gi-ra-dur-ru, "The mother of the god Dungi is the goddess Urru;" dun-gi-u-nam-ti, "The god Dungi is the food of life." On another tablet, HLC, I, 12, No. 52, 9, occurs the name tab-dun-ki-dnannar, "The god Dungi is the twin of the god Nannar." This tablet is also dated during Dungi's reign. If such praise could be given him by means of proper names during his lifetime, there can be little doubt but that laudatory hymns such as this were composed in his honor while he was yet alive. The script of our tablet shows that this copy was made during the time of the First Dynasty of Babylon, but that does not preclude an earlier date for the composition of the original.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

(i)

- 1. lugal mu g[ud-gal à]-gu-nu
- 2. muš-ruš igi ug-ga
- 3. sib dun-gi gud-gal à-gu-nu
- 4. muš-ruš igi ug-ga
- 5. amar-tur-bi gál-la šar barun
- 6. gibil bar mar-ri silim-ne
- 7. lig-ga-gi ur-sag-ga tum-ma
- 8. gi-ten kalam-ma-na
- 9. uš-gi ^dutu ki gar-si-di
- 10. sag-a-šù ģat-da gub-bi
- 11. ug-i-i-da ga-zi kù-a

(i)

- 1. O my king, great warrior, lord(?),1
- 2. O mighty, lion-eyed serpent,
- 3. O shepherd, Dungi, great warrior, lord(?),
- 4. O mighty, lion-eyed serpent,
- 5. Offspring of the fold who protectest the improved garden,
- 6. O brilliant flame, thou bestowest its welfare.
- 7. Wise ruler, hero, come!
- 8. Give rest unto the land!
- 9. A faithful hero, a sun-god, who art just,
- 10. At the head with the sceptre thou standest;
- 11. O exalted lion, the fat of life thou eatest.

¹ Cf. B, 6575.

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12. gud kaš-ģar elim-gal šu-šar-da	12. O ox, mighty wild ox, O ram great
13. sà-za kur dù azag-ga ša sá	to bless, 13. Thy word breaks the mountain,
	holy and just.
14. lugal sag-men-na ģi-li-bi	14. O king, as commander in chief
, ,	thou rejoicest,
15. dun-gi nimgir-gi-dim	15. O Dungi, as a faithful steward
16. ģe-ul-bi	16. thou art glad!
17. aga kešda nam-dingir-ra gub-gub	17. The crown, bound to divinity,
	abides.
18. lugal-an-ni-mu dug-ga sà-a	18. O my divine king, speak favor!
19. sib zid-à si tun	19. O shepherd, to the faithful give
	increase.
20. den-lil-lal	20. Enlil,
21. nin-gi ^d nin-lil-lal	21. The faithful lady, Ninlil,
22. ki-aga-šag-bi-na	22. Whom he loves in his heart,
23. lugal-mu za-dim	23. O my king, are like thee.
24. a-ba an-ga kal	24. Who brings favor to man?
25. a-ba an-ga-a-da sa	25. Who brings justice?
26. a-ba-za-dim	26. Who is like thee,
27. šà-ta gišku-pi ga	27. By whom the broad weapon is
0. V	carried?
28. šu-ama mu-ni-in-gù	28. The powerful mother calls:
29ur-sag dib-ù	29hero, come! •
30êê	30come forth, come forth!
31ga tun-šâ	31
32	32
33ģa-a mê-li	33verily thou art.
(ii)	(ii)
1. kur-nam-bi gišru-gál dnannar-ka	1. O mountain of fate, the firm bow
	of Nannar
2. kalam-ma-ka mi-ri-a	2. For the land thou carryest;
3. ra-ra mê-li¹	3. To fight is gladness!1
4. ama-zi ama-gal šu-šar-da dim	4. Bull of life, great bull, thou rulest
	to bless;
5. e-muš gu-nu mê-li²	5. Great serpent art thou.2

 $^{^1}$ Cf. B, 10391; M, 7917, 7918. 2 $M\hat{e}=ba\check{s}u$ (OBW, 47815); li=atta (OBW, 583). No one meaning of $m\hat{e}$ -li suits all its occurrences here. It seems to have been purposely employed in different senses.

- 6. gar-šu ^{giš}ginar ģar-ra-an-na sigga-mê-li
- 7. gir-ni ^{giš}ku-dim rim-ne gál¹-la 7u-ù
- 8. den-lil tul-li mê-li
- 9. giš-ama(?)-dul ^den gub zag-garú-a dim
- 10. rim-kal-a mê-li
- 11. dup-zi bi-na-da-a-dim
- 12. igi-e sá dug-ga-mê-li
- 13. dun-al-azag-dim
- 14. dnin-lil gal-ama
- 15. sal-zi dug-ga mê-li
- 16. gišerin a-ga ur-ri mà-a-dim
- 17. giš gig dug-ga mê-li
- 18. lugal-mu za-dim a-ba an-ga kal
- 19. a-ba an-ga-a-da sá
- 20. a-ba za-dim šà-ta gišku-pi ga
- 21. gištun mu-ni-in-gù
- 22. nam-tun sag zu-u ģat ģe-ê-ê
- 23. nam-lig-ga-zu-ù sal-dug ģe-e
- 24. sib dun-gi-a zu . . . a-ga
- 25. a-ba dingir-ri....
- 26. ama ba-zu dnin-...
- 27. mu-ù-tu....
- 28. dingir zu-azag an-....
- 29. mu-u-tu(?)....

- 6. The possession of the chariot gives joy to the road,
- 7. Its course is like a javelin; its running thou appointest;
- 8. Enlil below² thou art!
- Great bull of the dwelling, divine lord, standing like a builder's wall.
- 10. A wild-ox of a man art thou!
- 11. The tablet of life thou makest for them:
- 12. Beholding justice, thou art good.
- 13. As the great, holy dun-animal,3
- 14. Ninlil, great mother,
- 15. Woman of life, preserver of gladness.
- Like abundant cedars, a growing wall.
- 17. A grateful shade thou art!
- 18. O my king, who like thee favors the working-man?
- 19. Who brings justice?
- 20. Who is like thee by whom the broad weapon is carried?
- 21. The axe,—thou demandest it!
- 22. Fighting exalts thee! Bring forth the sceptre!
- 23. Verily thy might increases abundance.
- 24. O shepherd Dungi, thou....
- 25. Who, O god,
- 26. The mother bore thee, the goddess Nin...
- 27. She bore
- 28. O god, thou holy one, she....
- 29. She bore

¹ Cf. OBW, 8720.

² Tul= šuplu, OBW, 46018.

³ The pictograph from which the sign *dun* is derived was apparently that of a pig (see OBW, 427). The female of the species was sacred to the goddess Bau and the sign could designate that deity. Langdon regards the *dun*-animal as the zebu or *bos indicus*, but there is no evidence known to me in favor of such an identification.

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(iii)	(iii)
1. <i>ud</i>	I. When
2. im	2
3. nu-dim	3. Not made
4. giš tur-tur	4. Great and small
5. mi	5
6. giš-am-dim	6. Like a great bull
7. $g^{i\dot{s}}dub$ - bi	7. The tablet
8. sal-zi mu	8. Thy wife
9. <i>ud-ba</i>	9. At that time
io. dmu-lil	10. Mulil
11. dub mu-u	11. The tablet
12. nam mu-u	12. Fate
13. ^d nin-lil	13. Ninlil
14. sigišši-sigišši-a r[a	14. With prayers
15. šà im-ma-an	15. Which
16. an ki nam-tar-tar	16. Heaven and earth the fates
17. na-nam na-nam	17. They, they
18. ba-laģ-laģ-gi	18. It brings
19. erin 🎞 igi nim-šù uku	19. The beloved slave looking to the
	exalted one, the people
20. ^d en-lil lugal kur-kur	20. Enlil king of countries
21. nam-sib-bi ma-bi	21. His shepherding
22. lugal-mu za-dim a-b[a	22. My king who like thee?
22. a-ba an-ga	23. Who favors [man]?
23. a-ba an	24. Who [brings justice]?
(iv)	(iv)
1'nim	1'
2'. gù gud-gal	2'. Said the great warrior
3'. giš-ki lig-ga	3'. With greatness strength
4'. $nam-ur-sag-g[a$	4'. Heroism
5'. edin-li im	5'. The luxuriant plain he
6'. kal si-šù ga-a	6'. Man with crushed-grain
7'. na-mu	7'. Give not(?)
8. lugal ki	8. King of the land

(v)	(v)
1'	1'
$2'$. $tu[m\ u]\dot{g}$	2'. Bringing strength(?)
3'. gud li-a si-ka	3'. Warrior, the abundance of bright-
	ness
4'. sag-bi sagar	4'. His head the dust
5'. i-i-na zid-bi	5'. In glory his right hand
6'. zid-bi-a nam-umun	6'. By his right hand lordship
7. saģar šes ¹ gi-ib	7. The dust the blood received
8'. giš-gid-daib-mà	8'. The tall tree grows,
9'. šu-ner mu-uba-an-rú	9'. The shaft2(?) one makes.
10'. e-mar-urga-a-an-ta	10'. In the quiver verily carried(?) it.
II'. gišban-mugir-dim	11'. My bow like a mighty
12'. zag ģa-ma-bal-bal-ri	12'. The right hand verily draws,
13'. til-ka igi-mu-šu nam-dim ģe-bur-	13'. Of life before my eyes according
bur	to fate verily he is bereft.
14'. gi-bar-bar-ra su-tin-ģu-ģu	14'. By the strong snare the sudim-
	birds
15'. ka-ag-ga-a ga-ma-an-eš ³	15'. For eating are caught
16'. im-ku-da til-a kalam-ma ģa-ma-	16'. He who hunts the life of the land,
<i>im</i>	verily I [will destroy!]
17'. im-bi-gi-ni gišku	17'. I will seize the weapon,
18'. mê-ba-ra ama-um ga-ma-ab	18. By its might the gracious mother
	verily
19'. sá-bal-a kalam tar-tar-ra	19'. By justice perverted the land is
	destroyed
20'. gišru-zu ib-uru mu	20'. Thy bow protects, it
21'. nam-dim ga-am-mi-ib ur	21'. Like a swallow verily I will cut
	them off!
22'. [gˈa]-é šu-mu šâ sag-kalam-ma-ka	22'. Verily my power and leadership
	of the land are great!
23'. gug šar ģa-mu-u-ag-ga	23'. Bright will I make the garden
odka a a	land!
24'. i gišku dingir mu-u-gù-in nam-	24'. Exalted is the weapon; the god
lù-ad	subdues human-kind!
25'. a-dim ge-im-bal-e	25'. Like a flood verily he is mighty!
26'. gişku ga-zi-in-da tab-ba-mu-ù	26'. The weapon verily is lifted up, I
	raise it;

¹ Cf. OBW, 290⁶.

² Literally "pillar," "column;" cf. B, 7198.

⁶ Cf. OBW, 93¹⁶ and ²¹.

27'. ki-ib-né tun-bi-a	27'. Those who are strong are des-
01 1/2) VA 1 1 1	troyed;
28'. gù-ul(?)-šâ gù-ul¹ ģa-mu-u-ag-ge	
	makes;
29'. ba(?)-bi gi gaz-za-dim	29'. Itsit seizes by killing;
30'. ub-sag(?)-e-ni ne-ni-gid	30'. They lift it up, it pierces.
31'. ša-gub ša-gub-ba kalam si-šù	31'. Blessing, blessing to give the land
32'. šâlù idim-a-dim	32'. Anda man like a demon
33'. ki-intur(?) in-da	33'. Who enters()
34'. šâ ģušu mi	34'. And
35'. uru-gir	35'. protector of the wall (?)
36'. kur-ra	36'. The mountain
37'. e dutu	37'. Water(?) of Shamash
(vi)	(vi)
1'gal	1' great
2'ib-idim-e	2'he cries out(?);
3'šâ mu-ta-a-sig	3' and he is filled
4' ģum-ģum-ma-ni	4'his meadows
5umun mu-u-sud-e	5the lord made wide.
6ga(?)-ra sag-šu gu mu-ni-al-	6 to the temple(?) as its head
ši-rá	the prince comes;
7uru-ra nà-a-bi	7by the beam he stands;
8. [uru-d]a ga-am-mi-gaz	8. By the beam verily he ² prays;
9. bad-da nà-a-bi	9. By the wall he ² stands,
10. bad-da ga-am-mi gaz	10. By the wall verily he¹ prays;
11. mu-u-da-rá-a-bi	11. He ¹ departs.
12. ug-tum ga-am-mi-rá	12. Let the roaring lion come,
13. nu-mu-u-da-rá-a-bi	13. He shall not depart;
14. sá-ba ga-am-mi-gaz	14. Let his plan be frustrated!
15. kur-ra tur-tur-bi mà-a ga-am-mi-	15. On the mountain his whelps I
ib-bar-ru	verily will seize;
16. gal-gal-bi šu-gé-ta ga-am-gé	16. His grown ones with a snare I
	will verily catch;
17. etil mu-u-gé-šù	17. As lord I will catch them;
18. etil mu-u-ami-e-šá-a	18. As lord I will hold them!
19. ud maš-šu ba-da-eš ugu rá-aš	19. When the prince approaches them
	the pack departs.

 $^{^1}$ gù-ul for gul; cf Delitzsch, Sum. Glossar, p. 108. 2 Directions for the ritual begin at this point.

- 20. lugal mê-li
- 21. šu-ur-ma ga-am-gé
- 22. gar ki-em-gi-ra ba-a-gu-la
- 23. kur-ra ga-am-mi-ib-gu-ul
- 24. uru ba dingir-bi
- 25. ne-ba ga-am-mi-..
- 26. sukkal gu ši-šag
- 27. dkal ši-šag-ga
- 28. bar-šu ga-am-ta-an-rá
- 29. gan zi šar laģ-ga-bi-e
- 30. sukkal-gid ama ga ne-ni-šar
- 31. giš-luli- gud
- 32. egir-ba ga-kul sum-sum
- 33. giš-ama-gal bi-e
- 34. ama-gir ga-am-gù
- 35. giš tur-bi
- 36. tum...gi ni-ib-bal
- 37. gù ... ba-šar-a-bi
- 38. a-uru-na . . . šar

- 20. O king, there is gladness!
- 21. May power exalt my city!
- 22. Food for Sumer be abundant!
- 23. The land be great!
- 24. The city is the creation of its god;
- 25. May its power....
- 26. The pašišu-priest cries: "Be gracious!"
- 27. The guardian deity is gracious;
- 28. To its border he comes;
- 29. The field is bright, the garden brilliant.
- 30. The great pašišu-priest the mother turning blesses.
- 31. "A mighty man, exalted is the warrior,
- 32. Unto him let prayers be many;
- 33. A man beloved, great, is he,"
- 34. The mother without (?) says:
- 35. "The man is a prince."
- 36. Advancing, the faithful (priest) pours a libation.
- 37. Saying ..., bless it!"
- 38. "For the city a blessing!"

COLOPHON.

gi-ba dup-sag lugal-mu gud-gal à-gu- The whole of it, tablet one of "My great warrior, lord(?)"

No. 4.

A MYTH OF ENLIL AND NINLIL.

This tablet, though fragmentary, as the copies show, contains a more complete text of a myth, a portion of which was published by Pinches in 1911 in PSBA, XXXIII, 85 ff. The text of Dr. Pinches contained an Akkadian translation; the Philadelphia text is in Sumerian only. The myth concerns the irrigation of Nippur and the establishment of its prosperity. the first line of Dr. Pinches text read "At Duranki, their city they dwelt" instead of At.....their Nippur(?) they dwelt." A colophon at the end of his tablet states that it was "First tablet, At Duranki, their city. Not finished." In reality his text covers only parts of columns i and ii of our tablet. The two texts in general agree closely, though there are minor variations here and there.

The myth itself is of great interest. It represents the courtship and marriage of Enlil and Ninlil. He was a young hero; she a handmaid. She was standing on the bank of a canal, when he saw her, ran to her, and kissed her. Her heart was captivated; she yielded to him, and from their marital union fertilizing rain was born. The story is not unlike that of the union between Enki and Nintu in the *Epic of Paradise* published by Langdon.¹ The idea of creation by birth from the marital union of deities appears to have been particularly popu-

¹ PBS, X, No. 1. For the interpretation cf. Jastrow, AJSL, XXXIII, 112; also Barton, in Am. Journal of Theol., XXI, 576 ff.

lar at Nippur. The creation of men occurred in this way according to the myth published below as No. 8.

After the creation of irrigating waters and the settling of some marital differences between the god and goddess, they proceeded to Nippur accompanied by fifty great gods and seven gods of fate; they cast out the poisonous plants and gave intelligence to the inhabitants. For these and other blessings our text ascribes praise to Enlil and Ninlil.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

(i)
1.en(?)-lil'i-na-nam na-an-dur[ru-ne-en-ne-en]

2. en]-lil⁸ⁱ uru-ki-na-nam na-andúr-ru-ne-[en-ne-en]

- 3. dur-šag¹ uru-ki-na-nam na-andur-re-ne-en-ne-[en]
- 4. id sal-la2 id azag-ga na-nam
- 5. kar-pigu-na³ kar-bi na-nam
- 6. kar-a-šar⁴ kar ^{giš}má-uš-bi na-nam
- 7. tul-làl⁵ tul-a-dug-ga-bi na-nam
- 8. id nun-bi-ir-rá ģud-mul-bi nanam
- 9. ib-ta-bu-i-ne buru-gan-šeg-ga garbi na-nam
- 10. den-lil guruš-tur-bi na-nam

(i)

- 1. At...their Nippur(?) they dwelt;
- 2. At Nippur, the city which is theirs, they, dwelt;
- 3. At the favorable dwelling, the city which is theirs, they dwelt.
- 4. The wide river is their holy river;
- 5. Its close-shut dyke,—its dyke is theirs:
- 6. The crowded dyke,—the dyke of its large ships is theirs;
- 7. The good well, the well of sweet water is theirs;
- 8. The canal Nunbiirra, its starbright one, is theirs;
- They reap a bur of irrigated land; its food is theirs;
- 10. Enlil, its young hero, is theirs;

¹ Possibly Dur-šag should be read as a proper name. It has been translated to give the English reader the meaning.

² Pinches takes *Idsalla* as a proper name.

³ Pinches reads Kar-geštin-na, which is quite possible, and takes it as a proper name. That would mean the "vine-dyke" or the "wine-dyke," which seems to me improbable. I have preferred rather to interpret by OBW, 2134.

⁴ Kar-a-šar (spelled Kar-ušar) is regarded by Pinches as a proper name.

⁵ Tul-lal (read Tul-amar-uduk) is taken by PINCHES as a proper name.

- 11. dnin-lil ki-el-tur-bi na-nam
- 12. ^dnun-bar-še-gu-nu¹ dù um-ma-bi na-nam
- 13. ud-ba ki-el ama muģ-na šá-na mu-un-di-di
- 14. ^dnin-lil-li ^dnun-bar-še-gu-nu šá-na mu-un-di-di
- 15. id azag-ga nu²-nunuz³-e id-azagga-am-a-nam-mi-tŭ-tŭ⁴
- 16. ^dnin-lil-li gú id nun-bi-ir-ka⁵ nam-mi-in-gub-ne
- 17. i-de azag-ga-am u-mu-un i-deba-ši-bar-ri
- 18. kur-gal a-a ^dmu-ul-lil i-de azagga-am i-de ba-ši-bar-ri
- 19. sib-na ne-nam-tar-tar-ri i-de azagga-am i-de ba-ši-bar-ri
- 20. a-i gál gur mu-bi-am-i-i-kar-an mi-su-ub-bi
- 21. šag dam-a ģi-li šag-gi sa-lal-naam mu-un-sá ni-ib-ru-ru
- 22. ... mu-un-ni-in-ri ga-mu-uš-šu ši-mu-na-și-ag
- 23. [id azag-g]a-am sal-e id-azag-gaam im-ma-ni-tŭ-tŭ
- 24. [dnin-lil]-li gú id gú nun-bi-irka5-i im-gub-ne

- 11. Ninlil, its young maidservant, is theirs;
- 12. Nunbarshegunu, the exalted, its mother, is theirs.
- At that time the handmaid, the mother who bore her, verily helped,
- 14. Ninlil Nunbarshegun verily helped.
- 15. The holy river, the woman Idazagga, did not flow.
- Ninlil stood on the bank of the canal Nunbiir;
- 17. With holy eyes the lord ofeyes looked upon her;
- 18. The great mountain, father Mulil, of holy eyes, with his eyes looked upon her;
- 19. Her shepherd, he who determines fate, of the holy eyes, with his eyes looked upon her;
- 20. The exalted father rising, ran; he seized her; he kissed her;
- 21. The heart of the lady exulted; her heart was captivated; she wished it; she yielded⁶ to him;
- 22. ... he received her; he cohabited with her; he caused it to rain.
- The holy river, the woman Idazagga, flowed;
- 24. Ninlil stood on the bank of the canal,—the bank of Nunbiir;

¹ For this goddess cf. CT, XXIV, 9, 34; 23, 16b. Perhaps we should read Ninbarshegula. In these passages the spelling is slightly different, but the goddess is doubtless the same. She was evidently a grain goddess.

² The Semitic translation published by PINCHES shows that the *nu* is a prepositive phonetic complement; it repeats the first syllable of *nunu*.

³ For the meaning "woman" cf. OBW, 348³.

⁴ For the word tŭ cf. M, 5156.

 $^{^6}$ The sign ka may also be read du (OBW, 15 6). I have taken it as the genitive particle, but it may be the final syllable of the name.

⁶ Literally "gave herself"; cf. OBW, 6927.

25. [den-lil igi azag-g]a-am lugal-e igi	25. Enlil of holy eyes, the king with
azag-ga-am igi im-ma-ši-in-bar	holy eyes with his eyes looked
	upon her;
26. [kur-gal a-a] den-lil igi azag-ga-am	26. The great mountain, father Enlil,
igi im-ba-ši-in-bar	of the holy eyes, with his eyes
	looked upon her;
27. [sib-na ne]-nam-tar-tar-ri igi azag-	27. Her shepherd, he who determines
ga-am igi im-ba-ši-in-bar	fate, of the holy eyes, with his
	eyes looked upon her;
28. [dam gir]-bi-e-gù-mu-na-ab-bi nu-	28. To his wife in anger he said: "Did
ur-ra-ši-ib-še-gi ¹	I not yield to thee?"
29. [dnin-lil-l]i gir2-bi-e gù-mu-na-	29. To Ninlil in anger he said: "Did
ab-bi nu-un-da-ra-ši-ig-ge	I not yield to thee?"
30 $[nu-mu-un]-ra-am-pigu^3(?)$	30"Did I not embrace(?) thee?"
nu-mu-un-zu	"Did I not know [thee]?"
31 [mu-ni]-i-ra-am-še-su-ub	31 "I kissed thee; I knew [thee]";
mu-un-zu	
32dib4-mu ib-sig5-gi	32 "thou didst sieze me; I sub-
	mitted;
33 šu-dur ⁶ -bi mu-e-en ⁷	33 "thou didst lie down; thou
	didst gain the mastery8;
34 bi-mu-mê-e ba-na-šilig-gi	34 "thou wast [enticing?]; thou
	wast mighty.
35 gu-mu-na-de-e	35he said.
(ii)	(ii)
(About 8 lines a	are broken away.)
1'. lugal	1'. King
2'. uš-bi-na mu-un-gù [gir-bi-na	
mu-un]	his anger she.
3'. a-a den-lil dup-gi	3'. Father Enlil, the tablet of fate
4'. uš-bi-na mu-un-gù gir-bi-[na	4'. To her husband she spoke, to his
4. WS-01-Ma mm-mn-gn gir-01-[na	4. To her husband she spoke, to his

¹ See Delitzsch, Sum. Glossar, 262.

mu-un-..]

anger she....

² Cf. OBW, 185¹⁰ and ³⁵.

³ Cf. OBW, 213⁴. The rendering is most uncertain.

⁴ Cf. OBW, 4822.

⁵ See OBW, 249⁶⁰.

⁶ Cf. OBW, 48147.

⁷ Cf. OBW, 1124.

⁸ On account of the fragmentary condition of the text the rendering of the last lines of the column is most uncertain.

- 5'. úr-úr-na šu-ni ba-an-...
- 6'. uš-bi-na mu-un-gú gir-bi-na mu-un-.
- 7'. dur-ki a-tur-ra-šu im-ma-da-abná
- 8'. uš-bi-na mu-un-gù gir-bi-na su-ub
- 9'. uš-aš sag-ga-ni gá¹-aš su-ub-ba-ni
- 10'. a ^den-lil-na-na² gub laģ-e šá muna-ni-ri
- II'. den-lil ki-ur im-ma-ni-in-rá-rá
- 12'. den-lil ki-ur dib-dib-da-ni.
- 13'. dingir-gal-gal eninnû ne-ne
- 14'. dingir nam-tar-ra umun-na nene
- 15'. den-lil...im-ma-ni-tug-ga-ne
- 16'. den-lil šam-uģ-gi uru-ta ba-ra-ne
- 17'. ^dnu-nam-nir³ šam-uģ-gi uru-ta ba-ra-[ne]
- 18'. den-lil ni-la dnin-li-[li in-gál]
- 19'. dnu-nam-nir ni-gub ki-el muun-..
- 20'. den-lil-li bi-e-gal-ra gù-....
- 21'. lù kà-gal lù giš si-gar....
- 22'. lù giš šu-da lù si-gar-e
- 23'. nin-zu ^d[nin-lil]-li-i im-..
- 24'. e-da-li mu mu-ra-tar-ne
- 25'. za-e ki-mu nam-mu-ni-in-pad-de
- 26'. dnin-lil-li mu-lu kà-gal-ge gù-..
- 27'. mu-lu kà-gal mu giš[si-gar]

- 5'. His hand grasped it....
- 6'. To her husband she spoke, to his anger she....
- 7'. In a dwelling with offspring thou shalt lie down.
- 8'. To her husband she spoke; to his anger she gave a kiss;
- 9'. Resting her head on her husband, she kissed him.
- 10'. Standing brilliant by Enlil, her husband, her heart rejoiced.
- 11'. Enlil, the hero came;
- 12'. Enlil, the hero, entered.
- 13'. The great gods,—fifty are they;
- 14'. The gods of fate,—seven are they;
- 15'. With Enlil they marched.
- 16'. Enlil cast the poisonous plant(?)
 from the city;
- 17'. Nunamnir cast the poisonous plant(?) from the city;
- 18'. Enlil came; Ninlil [descended,]
- 19'. Nunamnir came; the handmaid
- 20'. Enlil to him of the palace called:
- 21'. "O man of the great gate! man of the lock!
- 22'. Man of the strong wood; man of the lock!
- 23'. Thy lady, Ninlil, [comes]!
- 24'. If a name he shall ask of thee,
- 25'. Thou shalt not tell him of my place."
- 26'. Ninlil³ to the man of the great gate spoke:
- O¹ man of the great gate, man of the lock,

¹ Cf. OBW, 230¹³.

² The construction is peculiar; we should expect ^den-lil a-na-na. The lacunæ are supplied from Dr. Pinches' text, PSBA, XXXIII, 85 ff. and from col iii.

⁸ In Dr. Pinches' text it is Enlil who speaks here.

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28'. mu ^{giš} šu-di-eš mu-lu [gišsi-gar azag-ga]	28'. O man of the bolt, man of the holy lock,	
29'. dmu-ul-lil u-mu-[un kur-kur-ra]	29'. Mulil, the lord of the lands.	
30'. dingir-[zu lù giš[si-gar]	30'. Is thy god, O man of the lock.	
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(iii)	(iii)	
1gi giš mu-e-kal	1	
2. dmu-ul-lil u-mu-un kur-kur-ra	2. Mulil, lord of lands;	
3. dmu-ul-lil u-mu-un zu ni-mi-dun	3. Mulil, lord, thou didst create,	
4. laģ-da nin mu-mê-en-ne šu-zu-	4. "In brilliance, O lord, art thou;	
šu-mu du	by thy hand thou created(?)	
5. a u-mu-un ba-a laģ-laģ-ga ša-	5. Father, lord, thou dost illumine	
gá-ni	their heart!	
6. a den-lil ne-a-lag-lag-ga ša-gá-	6. Thou, father Enlil, dost illumine	
ni	their heart!	
7. a lugal-mu dingir-šu ib-rà-a mu-	7. O father, my king, mighty god,	
ki-šu-bi	thou comest, thou dwellest	
(About 18 lines	are broken away.)	
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or Idama all lil as and assa has	Mulil lord of lands	
25[dmu-u]l-lil u-mu-un kur-	25 Mulil, lord of lands	
kur-ra		
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35. a ^d nin a-ba lugal-šù uš-mu ģu- šub-mu	35. O father, divine lord, who is against the king? My hero, verily thou overthrowest him.
36. ^d en-lil ni-rá ^d nin-lil in-g[ál]	36. Enlil comes; Ninlil descends;
37. dnu-nam-nir ni-ra ki-el mu-un-	37. Nunamnir comes; the handmaid
(iv)	(iv)
1mu	I
$2. \ldots u$ š- rad - du	2
3mu mutar-ri	3. Mydetermined,
4 mu nam-mu-in-ni-ši-šub-ne	4. My does not overthrow them.
5 giš ma a-sig-bi- giš-šukum	5the boat for the ferry Ninlil
dir-ra ^d nin-lil im-ba-ni	makes;
6 gišma a-sig-bi giš-sikum dir-	6 the boat for the ferry comes.
ra ga	
7. [dmu-u]l-lil u-mu-unku ma	7. Enlil, lord of king;
lugal	
8. [dnin-lil]-li mu-ba-si lu-šag-ka	8. Ninlil fills the flock with favor,
mu-ni-ba-sig-gi	she gives verdure;
9. mu-šag-šag-ga šag-ga-ba-ra mu-	9. She is gracious, to her beloved she
da-ab-gù	speaks;
10. den-lil-li šag-šag sag-ga-ba-ra	10. Enlil is gracious to his beloved he
mu-da-ab-gù	speaks.
II. [⁴ ni]n-lil i ni-in-tar ^d nin-lil i ni- in-im-te	11. Ninlil, the exalted, gives decisions;
12. gur ub-gi-da mu-mù tu-ne ¹ sig	Ninlil the exalted thunders;
in	12. Turning she establishes, she clothes the weak, she.
13. [d]mu-ul-lil u-mu-un ku-ta gur-	13. Mulil the lord with the weapon
ne el-sù ab-	turns in brilliance he
14. ud - da nin mu - $m\hat{e}$ - en - ne $\check{s}u$ - $[\chi u]^2$ -	14. When, O lord, thou art in thy
šu mu-i[b-tag-tag]	might thou overthrowest
15. a u-mu-un [zu]-a l[aģ-laģ-ga šag-	15. O father, lord, thou art brilliant;
ga ni-gál]	the heart thou liftest up;
16. a den-lil u-[mu-un laģ-la]g-g[a	16. O Enlil, lord, thou art brilliant;
10. 4 ch in a-[ma-un tag-ta]g-g[a	10. O Linn, ioru, thou art brilliant,

mu-...

šag-ga ni-gál]

17. a lugal kur-[kur-ra šag]-ga-zu 17. O father, king of countries, thy

the heart thou liftest up;

favor thou....

¹ Cf. M, 5866.

² The lacunæ in this and the following lines are supplied from the corresponding lines of col. iii.

	18. a-mu a-lugal[-mu-dim-ma k]u-	18. O my father, as my king thou
	$i[b \ im-ma-r\'a]$	advancest, thou comest
	19. en-lil-li nam e-da	19. Enlil
٠	20. uš im-ba-ni-in-gù[-ne-en im-ba-	20. O hero, thou speakest to them;
	ni-in-su-ub]	they have rest!
	21. [uš-aš] dug-[ga-ni uš-aš su-ub-	21. With the hero is their preserva-
	ba-ni]	tion; with the hero is their rest.
	22. $[a]$ ^d en-lil	22. O father Enlil(?)
	23. en za-šù	23. O lord, to thee
	24. $[^den]$ -lil en za - $[e$	24. O Enlil, thou art lord
	25. [dnu]-nam-ner [ni-rá ki-el mu-	25. Nunamnir comes; the maiden
	un-]	
	26gir si	26
	27. uš(?) mu-mà-mà	27. The hero makesgrow
	28. en an-u en an	28. The lord creates, the lord
	29. den-lil e[n] den-lil lugalsi	29. Enlil is lord; Enlil is king
	30. den-lil lugal gar nu lù	30. Enlil, the king does not [deny]
		food to man
	31. sag-šar-rù sag-ru-ru-a-šu nu-	31. The prince, creator of all, does not
	bal-e-ne-	deny them intelligence!
	32. zag-sal-dug-ga ama ^d nin-lil-li-šù	32. Full praise to mother Ninlil!
	33, a-a den-lil zag-sal	33. To father Enlil praise!

No. 5.

FRAGMENT OF AN INCANTATION RITUAL.

This text, though fragmentary, is of great interest. The tablet contained four columns, but columns i and ii are entirely erased. Indeed few lines of columns iii and iv have been preserved entire, nevertheless, if the following translation, which on account of the condition of the text is necessarily tentative, at all represents the original, the text affords an interesting example of the ritual by which it was believed destructive storms could be averted. Such storms were frequent in Babylonia: cf. Reisner Sumerische Hymnen, No. 7 and Peters, Nippur I, 258, 259.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

(iii)	(iii)
1'gišge gur	1'
2'uš(?) ģu-ra ki mu-ni-a-ni	2'. Theman(?) for the bird thou
	presented 1
3'. d[ug]-dug-til zi-ra pú-ka mu-[gù]	3'. Words of life for thee at the well
	will speak (?).
4'. gišgibil V-ta VII-ta	4'. On the fire by fives, by sevens
5'. gišgibil-má X-ta XV-ta gub-ne-	5'. My fire by ten, by fifteen he shall
• •	place.
6'. e-gibil aga ^d gu-la e X	6'. The fire beloved of Gula, the
	house ten
7'. X^{am-ma} -ra ab-lag	7'. by ten shall illuminate.
8'. e-gibil aga mu-ul-lil LX[X	8'. The fire beloved of Mulil seventy
	(?)

¹ See OBW, 52154.

9'. [^{giš} gib]il-bi LXX-ta X ^{am-ma} ne-	9'. His fire by seventy in tens he
[gub]	shall place(?)
10' suģuš-uru nu-tug nu-uku	10' protected foundation, neither
	leader nor people
II'ab-ba nu-tug nu uku	11'neither leader nor people
12'mu-un-ra-la-ni mu-un	12'shall fill it for thee, shall
13'. e-gibil-bi šá ^d gu-la	13'. His fire verily Gula
14'. [giš gibil] gá-tur-ra mi-ni-ibi	14'. My fire(?) shall [protect?] the fold.
15'ki-šag gu VIII ^{kam-ma}	15' In the land eight talents
16'. $[^de]$ -lum ¹ e-gibil mu-un	16'. "Bel the fire will
17'. dingir mê-e im-ma-a-da-gibil	17'. I am the god who kindles(?)
18'. de-lum-e mu-rug-in-ni ģi-li.	18'. Bel increases gladness
19'. gibil-in-e-ni mê-e im-ma-a-uš	19'. I kindle fire, I lift up"
20'. dmu-ul-lil mu-rug [ģi-li]	20'. Mulil increases gladness.
21'. gibil-uru uku-ni	21'. The protecting fire his people
22'. mà dù-ri-a-nigiš gibil-ni	22'. His foremost ship his fire
23'. mu-zu dù-ri-a-nian	23'. He knows2 his foremost
24'. gù-ni-ma-má gu-nizu-an	24'. He calls, he calls
25'. urù-a-si nin-a uru³ ra-am	25'. The raging whirlwind, O lady, the flood
26'a-gi-in-i:nira-am	26'. It is filled(?)
27'. urù-a ki-el mu-kur-ra-da	27'. The whirlwind the maid captures
27. Will a lot of how look for acc	27. The wintwind the maid captures
28'. g[ur] kal-kal mu-ad-du-ni	28'. Turning(?) men stand
ra-a[m]	20. Turning(.) men stand
29'. dug-ga mu-ţu-ni du šu-ba	29'. With a cry they stoop, lifting up
du-ga	their hands
-	30'. The sheep, O my protector, which
30'. udu uru-ma ag-zu na-sag	
šu-sik	thou lovest
31'. nigin dingir ni-ib-rá-e-ne LXIX	31'. All its gods are comingsixty nine
32'. mu - zu - na ag - na $[n]e$	32'. They recognize it they love
33'. gišgibil aga mu-ul-[lil	33. The fire beloved of Mulil,
34'. mu-zu-na ag mu-pad-ne	34'. He recognizes it, the beloved
35'. ud-da gan ga-ga-ba-da	35'. When the field is favored4
1 P = 990	

¹ B, 5889

² We might read mu-rug="He makes great."

³ Cf. OBW, 571.

 $^{^4}$ ga may here be equal to alâku. In that case the rendering would be, "When he comes to the field . . . he recognizes it; the beloved he sees." Taking this value a similar change would be made in lines 37', 38'.

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36'. mu-zu-na ag mu-pad-ne.... 36'. He knows it, the beloved he sees

37'. e-dag e-šu-má-má ga-ba-da.... 37'. The dwelling Eshumama is favored....

38'. mu-zu-na ag mu-pad-ne.. 38'. He knows it, the beloved he sees

(From this point the text is too broken for connected translation.)

No. 6.

A PRAYER FOR THE CITY OF UR.

It is most regrettable that this interesting composition is in such a fragmentary state. From the portions that can be translated it appears to be a prayer for the city of Ur at a time of great danger and distress. It seems impossible to assign it with certainty to any particular period. The hymn to Dungi (No. 3) and that to Ebi-Sin (No. 7) show that during the period of the dynasty of Ur great homage was paid the sovereigns of that city at the temple at Nippur. It is tempting to conjecture that this long composition was written during the last days of Ebi-Sin, when Ur was tottering to its fall. The conjecture is plausible, but cannot at present be confirmed.

Transliteration and Translation of Complete Portions of the Text.

(ii)		(ii)
I.	šim	1green grass(?),
2.	urú-mu uz	2my whirlwind is the uz-bird,
3.	$\ldots zi$ - gi - gi	3
4.	šag-šag	4favorable,
5.	\dots urú-ma nu-me-a-me-a mu $(?)$	5my whirlwind no command
	ta-an-bal-rá	transgresses;
6.	dingiršis-ab ^{kt} nu me-a-me-a	6. O GodUr no command trans-
	mu-ib-bi-bal-rá	gresses.
7. 1	me-l[i]gá-tur šir-ra-rá lid síg	7. Joy [from] the fold is snatched;
	ģe-dug-ga-rá	the storm the cow cuts off;
8.	^a lusib-na kid pi-el rá	8. The sheep god(?)for the shepherd a bedraggled garment is bringing;

9.	B ba-ne-sub	The thicket of reeds he over- throws.
10.	me-liurú-ta ê a-du-im nu šim-gid aga	10. Joy is borne away by the whirlwind, by the wind no tall grass is left(?).
11.	^a luê gan-ta ê-ê	11. The sheep-god(?) has gone forth; from the field he has gone
12.	·îl-ne-dam	12. with his
13.	i-zu-kas[kaltu(?) zu-a-ni	13
14.	e-ģar-raa-ģar-bar	14. Ekharra
15.	sag-a	15
16.	e-gar-ra mu-[du]g-ga aš-a dug-ga	16. Ekharra [speaks] the uttered curse; ¹
17.	ki-ba nam-urú mu-na-kar-ši-ne (?)	17. Its land,—the whirlwind extends over it.
18.	nin-mu nam-ma-a-dim mu-na-te	18. O my lady by fate thou destroyest it.
19.	nam-mà igi-ur a-an mu-[na]-te	19. The fate agreed upon who can resist?
20.	nam-uru igi-ur-na mu-na-kar gig-ni	20. The sin of the city graciously wilt thou forgive, its disaster ?
21.	me-li-e-a na-ag urú mu-ga(?)- am-ma	21. Gladness there is not; the whirl-wind removes it;
22.	na-ag urú mu-gig-ga	22. It is not; the whirlwind has brought disaster!
23.	nin rá gá-ģul-la mu-ga-am-gù	23. O lady, come! The house is destroyed. Speak!
24.	na-ag-ga mu-gig-ga	24. It is not; thou has brought disaster!
25.	še-ib šis-ab ^{ki} a-dug-ga mu-a- gir am-a-mu	25. A gathered seed is Ur; the cry is strong (urgent), O my lord!
26.	gá-zi mu-ri-tug-tug dam-ba mar- ra-mu	26. Thy house I protect for thee; its lady appointed me.
27.	ur-ra gá-zi ģul-la-za	27. The servant of thy house thou hast destroyed;
28.	ba-e-ne in-nu-u-nam	28. Broken he lies prostrate.
29.	ub-šub ba-dim-in nik-ku-ta ba-ra	29. He has fallen; he is thus; in his
	mu-da-gé-gé	misery he is overthrown; he

is siezed.

¹ Cf. OBW, 298⁴.

30.	zi-ta	e-rù-a-bi	bul-la-a	ģul
	gig-ga			

- 31. nu-bi¹-rá-ab šis-ab^{ki} šukum ^dIninni bi-ni-ba pap-gal....
- 32. gá-nun-azag-ga bil-bil-la-mu lala ga-nu-dù-a-mu
- 33. uru-mu rú-a-la ba-du mu-ta-ašši-ur a-mu
- 34-35. pu-ģul....ni-ga-nun....ģulla mu-ta-a-aš-ši-ur a-mu
- 36-37. a-da-al-lam ud-ģul gig.... si-ga mu-da-la-ba ge-ê
- 38. šis-ab^{ki}-ma ga ^den-zu na-mu-
- 39. ģul(?)-u-bi gig-ga-am
- 40. ki-šub-bi-za dug ba-am
- 41. a-šu-mu a-gan-mu
- 42. giš-gi-gal ki sub-gú-da-kam
- 43. la ki...mu-un-ba-ni-til-li
- 44. ^anin-sá a-dim-ni mu-un-a-da-nitil-li
- 45. ub-zi-šub-ba-da ģul-la
- 46. ni-ne-šu-dim ni-ab am-má
- 47. ^dnin-gal lù kalam-ma e-ba-til gan
- 48. ša-dim a-kim in-mu-....
- (iii) 1'. ga...gul-la ni-ne-dib-ni e-g....
- 2'. gá-gá-zu im-ma-ģul-la pisan-adim rú-mu-un
- 3'. uru-zu uru-kur-ra ba-ab-gar-ni ne-ku-ni e-am-šer

- 30. From life he goes forth; by oppression he is grievously destroyed.
- 31. May it not happen to Ur! Ishtar-cakes we make, O great father!
- 32. The great holy house is burned; it is submerged; Verily it is not raised up, my father!
- 33. My city, built for protection, it crushes, it makes sad, O my father!
- 34-35.destruction makes sad, O my father!
- 36-37. Now is an evil day; complete disaster o'erwhelms; verily it transfixes.
- 38. Ur is the temple of Enzu; let it not
- 39. be bestroyed with disaster.
- 40. Thy down-trodden land is inno-
- 41. O my Strength, my Brightness(?),
- 42. Equally the land is destroyed!
- 43. O protector of the land....thou wilt make it live.
- 44. O lady, its creator, thou wilt make it live!
- 45. Thou art strong;
- 46. disaster like a . . . covers . . .
- 47. O Ningal the men of the land thou makest alive; the field
- 48. in the midst thus thou....

(iii)

ı'.

- 2'. Thy temples are destroyed like a jar that is smashed.
- 3'. Thy city, the second which thou foundest, is struck down; it cries out.

¹ pi for bi; cf. BARTON, SBAD, 4, iii, 7 with 6, iii, 5.

- 4'. gá-zu a-igi eš-ba-an-ni di-ib gar
- 5'. uru-zu-a-dim rú-mu-un
- 6'. uru-zu tuš-dam-ba gar-ra-za
- 7'. ģu-bi-nu-rá
- 8'. gá-zi giš al-a zu-ab gar-ra-za
- 9'. šim la nin-mul-e-en
- 10'. e-...la-ba-ab- gub-gub-za
- 11'. nin-bi....la ba-an-tur-ri
- 12'. a-igi-ne-a-ra ba-ab-gar-
- 13'. ka aga-zu nu-šag-šag
- 14'. a-igi šà ne-rá nu-tuk-a tar-tar imba-an-ku
- 15'. gù-na-bi igi-zu gar-ka-sig-dim
- 16'. dug-šu ba-ni-ib-ku
- 17'. uru-zu-šù šá-im-ba-an-gar-ni nedib e-am-sir
- 18'. gá-zu...-gid ga-ba-an-ru....
 zu-a-dim rú-mu-un
- 19'. šis-abki gub-ba-e im-ba-an-gar-
- 20'. ni ne...-dim ni-dib e-am-sir
- 21'. ģar-rad-bi ģe-gub-ba zu-ra mu-ungub
- 22'. šá-zu...rú-mu-un
- 23'. en-bi gig-ga-ra zu-ra mu-un-til
- 24'. ni-ne-ku-ni e-am-sìr
- 25'. dam-ga-lù suslug-e ki-ag-e
- 26'. suslug nu-mu-ra-mà-dim

- 4'. Thy house weeps; O speak, lift it up!
- 5'. Like thy city it is overthrown.
- 6'. Thy city, the dwelling of its lady, didst thou establish;
- 7'. let it not be moved!
- 8'. Thy dwelling, the yoke of the abyss, thou didst establish
- 9'. As a plant protected of Ninmul, the lady;
- 10'. The . . . thou didst found.
- 11'. Its lady as protectress entered.
- 12'-13'. On her weeping thou thinkest; thy anger is unfavorable!
- 14'. Heartfelt tears flow; they are not checked; they fall.
- 15'. She cries before thee with thoughts,
- 16'. A loud voice she lifts up:
- 17'. "Unto thy city give rest; it is caught" she cries.
- 18'. Thy house....verily is shattered like thy....it is smashed.
- 19'. Ur was founded, it was established;
- 20'. Like a . . . it is caught, it cries out.
- 21'. Its ruin verily abounds; for thee it abounds;
- 22'. Thy heart . . . is broken;
- 23'. Its priest in darkness for thee dwells
- 24'. he is cast down; he cries out.
- 25'. The man, the priest whom thou lovest,—
- 26'. The priest does not approach thee

(From this point the text is too broken for connected translation.)

No. 7.

A HYMN TO IBI-SIN.

This fragment of a hymn to Ibi-Sin is a portion of a large, finely written six-column tablet. Unfortunately it is so broken that in only a portion of columns ii and v are there complete lines. These portions are herewith translated. In line 5' of col. v he is addressed as *lugal-mu*, "My king." It is probable that the hymn belonged to the same series as No. 3 the hymn to Dungi. Ibi-Sin was an inglorious king. Under his rule the extended empire built up by Dungi gradually dwindled and was finally overthrown, but the tradition that he was a god, inherited, perhaps, from the great Dungi, persisted, and loyal courtiers and priests in the language translated below addressed him as the source of all blessings, and with servile adulation lauded him as a god. The hymn must, one is compelled to think, have been composed during his lifetime, for there was nothing in his career that could, so far as we know, induce later generations, in a city like Nippur, to address him in such language. He was the last of his dynasty, and fawning priests and courtiers were soon compelled to make their peace with a conqueror to whom his memory was hateful (see No. 9 below). The hymn supplies a powerful argument for emperor worship in Ur during the lifetime of the monarch.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

(As far as col. ii, 8 the text is too broken for translation.)

(ii)	(ii)
9'. [dingir-dingir] gal-gal mir-gal-e	9'. The great gods (?) the great
tar-ri	steward appointed.
10'. ţu-lal šar ga kaskal gid V	10'. The length (?) of the garden was 5 kaskal-gid.
11'. en-te-en e-gù-un gar-ra-ni im-ba- mi-ni	11'. The cold filled the land; it dark- ened it;
12'. e-meš tur-ur-sag ^d en-lil-lal-ge	12'. The houses of the young hero of Enlil,
13'. e nam-til-la e en-lil-lal ba	13'. The house of life, the temple of Enlil he built;
14'. šukum dinnin-na sir-ne	14'. Ishtar-cakes he prepared,
15'. bir ninbi udu ģar-sag-ga	15'. The cattle of hislady, the sheep of Kharsag,
16'. e-meš en-te-en-bi-ta kaš-gar šag a-	16'. In houses, apart from cold, drink and food with full
17'. si ba-ni-in-sá-sá	17'. heart are poured out.
18'. man-na-ne-ne am-gal-ul-ul-dim	18'. Strong are they; like roaming wild-oxen
19'. šà-na ma-an-lag-gi-eš	19'. verily they advance.
20'. den-te-en-id šur-a zag-limmu šur- a-za	20'. The cold-god is mighty; the four walls protect thee.
21'. še eš-nam-na gù-peš-a-na	21'. The grain, luxuriant on the broad banks,
22. gig-ma-a-šu-ta im-mi-in-dúg-ga-na	
23. nu ne-ru-dim bar-ta im-ta-rá	23. Not like an enemy in hostility does he come;
24. uku-bi nu-mu-un-dag-gi	24. His people he does not destroy.
25. ģar-sag en-te-en-raX1 mu-na-	25. Kharsag for the cold constructed a. furnace, 1
te	26. For the houses it appointed com-
26. e-meš-a lù+bil ne-in-gar	fort(?).2
27. e-meš šis-mu im-ki-ma-na-an-eš	27. The houses my brethren inhabit;
28. gar-enbur gar-ge a-e-gal	28. Edible fruits for food the palace

¹ Cf. OBW, 450. The ideographic value is unknown, but as the sign consists of the emblem for fire within an enclosure "furnace" or "brazier" does not seem a violent guess.

² This sign consists of the sign for "man" within which is placed the sign for "fire" or "heat." It is unknown to me elsewhere, but from its elements the meaning "comfort" does not seem a rash conjecture.

(v)		(v)	
1'.	uru-mu	1'.	My protector(?)
2'.	na-'a-ib a-an gar		Thou art exalted; what?
	kù nag gal-gal-e zu	3′⋅	Food and drink abundantly thou
	uku-ta šur-a im-ta-ab		For the people as protector thou
5'.	lugal-mu pad dnannar i den-lil-	5'.	My king, known of Nannar,
	lal		exalted one of Enlil,
6'.	i-bi-den-zu šu-maģ-šu ģur-un-u-	6'.	Ibi-Sin, in exalted power he is
	ni-šu		alone.
7'.	tug-bar tug gar-ne-ba sal šà ba ni-	7'.	In brilliant garments, lamkhuššu
	gù		garments his wife and he converse;
8'.	ezen dingir-ri-e-ne uraš-šu m	u- 8'.	The feasts of the gods as seer he
	u-ul-ni		celebrates;
9. 6	dingir a-nun-a lil gibil-bar azag	9'.	The great god, the spirit of bright
	ba-šu-mu-ni-gál-gál		fire, brilliantly he raises up;
10'.	e-nam-til-la ki ku-azag nam-	10'.	The house of life with the bright
	lugal an-ni-gar-ni		weapon of royalty he estab-
			lishes;
11'.	ki-te šag-gi ki-ta gar nig-dug-ga	11'.	Below favor,—below food, a good
	si-ba ni-sá-sá-eš		possession, in fullness he pours
			out;
12'.	likir à-lal-si šaker-si duk-ki im-	12'.	In the midst1 full pails, festal
	ba-mu-na-tuk		vessels2 full for watering3 he
			makes abundant.
13'.	lul tin erim-za am gar-ra bar-	13'.	Mighty one, life of thy soldiers,
	giš-la-za		exultant warrior, the enclosure
			thou didst protect,
14'.	ud gig ni-ib-zal-zal-e		day and night thou dost illumine.
15'.	gá-e lugal kab-kab me-en gù-gù	15'.	The palace of the king is fortu-
	gal-gal me-en		nate; great are the acclamations!
	šu-ni dug-gi ba-ab-ul-me-en	16'.	His beneficent power gives joy.
17'.	šu-ba-šù maģ-šù a-su a-à-ba	17'.	With his, with majesty the
	ni-ê-mê-en		seers at his side go forth;
18'.	ba-gig e-meš sur ki-en-gi-ra	18'.	strong houses of Sumer
19'.	zid-bi tum-tum-ne	19'.	at his right (?) they go
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¹ The sign written is kiš (OBW, 377); probably likir (OBW, 376) was intended.

² Cf. OBW, 170⁶⁹. ³ Cf. OBW, 15⁸⁸.

No. 8.

A NEW CREATION MYTH. Ug+

This important text was found by the writer among some then uncatalogued tablets that had just been unpacked. It belongs to the cycle of myths of which No. 4 above is an excellent example. It is also in some respects parallel to the myth published by Langdon in PBS, Vol. X, No. 1, called by him a "Sumerian Epic of Paradise," etc. Takku (read by Langdon Tagtug) is one of the deities who figures in this new myth. Like the myth published by Langdon, this one begins with an elaborate statement of the non-existence of many things once upon a time. Most interesting is its statement that mankind was brought forth from the physical union of a god and goddess.

Transliteration and Translation.

Obverse.

- 1. ģar-sag-an-ki-bi-da-ge
- The mountain of heaven and earth
- 2. erim-an-ni dingir-dingir a-nunna im-tu-ne-eš a-ba
- 2. The assembly of the great gods, entered, as many as there were.2

 $^{^{1}}$ In the script of this period the sign may be either tu (OBW, 337) or erim (OBW, 347). The latter suits the context here.

 $^{^2}$ a-ba may be the interrogative pronoun "who?", the adverb "afterward" or mala, "over against," "in comparison with," then, "as many as there are." Possibly we should read a-7u = "wise ones."

- 3. mu ^dezinu nu-ub-da-tu-da nuub(?)-da-an-sig-ga
- 4. kalam-e⁴-bi ^dtak⁵-ku nu-ub-daan-dim-ma-a⁸
- 5. dtak-ku-ra temen nu-mu-na-sigga-aš
- 6. 'u(?) nu-gù(?)-a pugad nu-ub-ra
- 7. anše(?) nu-mê-a-am numun dugra
- 8. pu-e x-a-bi nu-ub-tu-ud
- 9. anše-ra11 bir-a-bi nu-ub-tu-ud

- 3. A tree¹ of Ezinu had not been born,² had not become green,³
- Land and water⁴ Takku⁵ had not created,
- 5. For Takku a temple-terrace had not been filled in,
- 6. A ewe⁶(?) had not bleated⁶(?), a lamb had not been dropped⁷,
- 7. An ass(?) there was not to irrigate the seed,
- 8. A well and canal⁹(?) had not been dug,¹⁰
- Horses¹¹(?) and cattle had not been created,

¹ mu more often means name, but the context here requires "tree"; cf. OBW, 629.

² The sign is so badly written that it may be either $m\dot{u}$ (OBW, 170°) "grow," or tu. Either reading makes good sense in the context.

⁸ As written on the clay and blurred this sign is illegible. Some lines have to be supplied in imagination. The phonetic complement ga shows that some syllable ending in g stood here. I at first read dug but was never fully satisfied with it. sig (OBW, 308) is possible and fits the context better.

⁴ The sign e is blurred on the tablet and the reading is not absolutely certain, but is the most probable. kalam-e-bi might be "his land," possibly meaning "his Sumer." The instances below, however, where bi is the postpositive conjunction, together with the nature of the things in the immediate context that are said to be still non-existent, make it probable that kalam-e-bi mean "land and water." A possible reading would be uku-e-bi= "His people" (Takku had not created).

⁵ The sign tak as it occurs here is distinguishable from tik (for which I at first took it) only with the greatest difficulty. The god here referred to is, however, clearly the being that Langdon calls Tagtug. For a discussion of his character and functions see the writer's article "New Babylonian Material Concerning Creation and Paradise" in the American Journal of Theology, XXI, 586 ff., 595 ff.......

⁶ The reading $g\hat{u}$ is conjectural. The sign was partly erased by the scribe; 'u is also uncertain, being partly chipped away.

⁷ Cf. OBW, 287²²; employed here of the birth of a lamb.

⁸ OBW, 353⁸⁰; the reference is to an irrigating machine.

⁹ The sign seems to be OBW, 606. The translation of it is wholly conjectural. Perhaps we should read 'u-e puģad-bi and render "The ewe a lamb had not brought forth."

¹⁰ For $tu = bar\hat{u}$, "dig" see OBW, 57⁶.

¹¹ The ra of this line is blurred; it looks more like ra, but may possibly be e. If we read e the reading is "asses;" if ra we must suppose that the reference is to "horses" and that kur has been accidentally omitted The appearance of the sign on the clay and the mention of the ass in line 7 incline me to the reading ra. The line might also be rendered: "Horses(?) (or asses) had not brought forth their young."

- 10. mu ^dezinu lil¹-sud-umuna-bi-dage²
- 11. da-nun-na3 dingir gal-gal- e-ne nu-mu-un-zu-ta-am
- 12. še šeš⁴ erim ušu-am nu-gál-laam
- 13. še-šeš erim eninnu-am nu-gál-laam
- 14. še-tur-tur še-kur-ra še-id-damazag-ga nu-gál-la-am
- 15. šu-gar tuš-tuš-bi nu-gál-la-am
- 16. dtak-ku nu-ub-tu-ud mên nu-il
- 17. en ^dnin-ki en ⁵ kal-kal nu-ub-tu-ud
- 18. dug maš tum-ma la6-ba-ra ê
- 19. nam-lù un-zu⁷ erim-nun-a gá⁸-e-
- 20. gar-kù-si⁹-bi nu-mu-un-zu-uš-am
- 21. tug-gál tuš-tuš-bi nu-mu-un-zuuš-am
- 22. ušu ^{giš}gi-am-na-dur-bi mu-untum

- 10. The name of Ezinu, spirit¹ of² sprout and herd,
- 11. The Anunna, the great gods, had not known,
- 12. There was no šeš-grain of thirty fold,
- 13. There was no šeš-grain of fifty fold,
- 14. Small grain, mountain grain, cattle-fodder, there were not,
- Possessions and dwellings there were not,
- Takku had not been brought forth, a shrine not lifted up,
- 17. Together with Ninki the lord had not brought forth men.
- 18. Shamsah as leader came, unto her desire⁶ came forth;
- Mankind he planned; many men were brought forth;
- Food and sleep he did not plan for them;
- 21. Clothing and dwellings he did not plan for them;
- 22. The people with rushes and rope came.

¹ This sign and the following long puzzled me. They are so written on the clay as to appear to be one sign, and were so taken in my preliminary rendering. It now seems better to transliterate as above taking them for OBW, 295 and 325.

² The last sign looks on the clay clearly like apin (OBW, 55); it may however, be a badly formed ge (OBW, 269). The last makes better sense.

³ With an added ki we should have here the Anunaki, or spirits of earth. The ki is however wanting, so that the expression seems to be a symbol for dingir gal-gal which follows.

⁴ The grain še-šeš occurs in Zimmern's Ritualtafeln, 42, 26, where he renders it "Bitterkorn." Cf. also CT, XXIII, 1, 2.

⁵ For en = adi, "together with," see OBW, 1121.

⁶ La=lalû, "splendor," "beauty," "desire" (OBW, 54⁴). In the Gilgamesh epic it is used of the female generative organ (see HAUPT, Nimrodepos, p. 11, l. 22 f.). Probably it is so employed here.

⁷ Perhaps to be rendered: "For mankind he knew her."

⁸ For $g\dot{a} = al\hat{a}du$ see OBW, 230¹.

⁹ For this meaning of si see OBW, 41211.

23. tuš-dim-ka ba-[ni]-in-ib ušbar	23. By making a dwelling a kindred was formed.				
24. a-šar-šar-raim-gú-gú-ne	24. To the gardens they gave drink;				
25. ud-ba-ki sig e-ne-	25. On that day they were green;				
	26. Their plants				
26. giš-bi	20. Then plants				
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Reverse.					
1	I				
2. $[a-a-^de]n[-lil]$	2. Father Enlil(?)				
3 $n\hat{a}$ kar	3				
	4. Of mankind				
4. [nam] lù-ge	· ·				
5ba den-ki	5creation(?) of Enki				
6. a-a ^d en-lil	6. Father Enlil				
7. dù-azag-ga dub-ba-da dingir	7. Duazagga is surrounded, O god,				
	0.0				
8. du-azag-ga laģ-ga dingir ba-	8. Duazagga, the brilliant, I will				
da-ra-ab-uru(?)	guard(?) for thee, O god.				
9. den-ki den-lil-bi gù-azag-ga¹ ku²-	9. Enki and Enlil cast a spell				
n[e					
10. šurim³-dezinu-bi du-azag-ta im-	10. A flock and Ezinu from Duazag				
ma-da-ra	[ga] they cast forth,				
11. šurim-e amaš-a im-ma-ab-ģab(?)	11. The flock in a fold they enclosed(?)				
12. u-bi e-gar-ama-ra mu-un-na-ba-	12. His plants as food for the mother				
e-ne	they created.				
13. dezinu gan-e mu-un-imi4-eš-ne	13. Ezinu rained on the field for them;				
14. lil-apin uraš-laģ-bi mu-un-na-ba-	14. The moist(?) wind and the fiery				
e-ne	storm-cloud he created for them;				
15. šurim amaš-a-na gub-ba-ni	15. The flock in the fold abode;				
16. sib amaš-a ģi-li dù-dù-a	16. For the shepherd of the fold joy				
10. 310 umus-u gi-ti un-un-u	was abundant.				
desires ex mans and such he ari					
17. ^d ezinu eš-nam-na ⁵ gub-ba-ni	17. Ezinu as tall vegetation stood;				

 $^{^{1}}$ Cf. B, 750. In our text ga appears to have been written for gál. 2 Cf. OBW, 481 41 .

⁸ Cf. OBW, 449. ⁴ OBW, 34 (*imi*) employed for OBW, 358.

⁸ Cf. OBW, 71⁸.

- 18. ki-el¹ sig-ga² ģi-li-gur³ šub-am
- 19. gan-ni-ta sag-zi4 il-la-ni
- 20. dumu-gáli-an-na-na rà-rà-a-ne
- 21. šurim ^dezinu-bi pa-ê mu-un-ag-eš
- 22. ukkin-na ib-gál mu-da-an-gá-i-
- 23. kalam-ma-gi-šag-gál mu-da-angàl-'.i-eš
- 24. mê⁶ dingir-ri-c-ne si im-sa sae-ne
- 25. gišgal-ma kalam-ma-ne gar muni-ab-rug-rug uku-aš
- 26. x⁷ kalam-ma-ne gig⁸ mu-un-negal-aš
- 27. ab-uku-ra sagar-ki uš-sa-ba-aš
- 28. u-mu-un mu-ne-eš-ib-gál mu-daan-gál-li-eš
- 29. man-na-ne-ne za⁹-ki dam¹⁰ ne-ne ba-an-gub-bu-uš-a
- 30. gig-bi gan¹¹-a gar taģ-me-eš
- 31. LX SU-SI LX

- 18. The bright land was green, it afforded full joy.
- 19. From their field a leader arose;
- 20. The child from heaven came to them:
- 21. The flock of Ezinu he made to multiply for them;
- 22. The whole he raised up, he appointed for them;
- The reed-country he appointed for them;
- The voice of their god uttered just decisions for them.
- A dwelling place was their land; food increased for the people;
- 26. The prosperity of their land brought them danger;8
- 27. They made bricks of clay of the land for its protection.
- 28. The lord caused them to be; they came into existence.
- 29. Companions were they; a man with a wife he made them dwell;
- 30. By night, by day they are set as helpers.
- 31. Sixty lines.

 $^{^1}$ ki-el may be taken as equal to ardatu, "slave," "slave-girl" (B, 9831), but the context favors the literal meaning.

² OBW, 308

³ For gur with this meaning see OBW, 2778.

⁴ Cf. B, 3555.

⁵ One is tempted to think dumu-gál a mistake for dumu-zi and render Tammuz from heaven. The line seems to mean that children were born to them, but its exact meaning is obscure.

 $^{^6}$ Cf. OBW, 478^2 . We might read $i\ddot{s}ib$ (OBW, 478^{27}) and render "The priest of their god."

⁷ Literally "favor"; cf. OBW, 241⁴.

⁸ gig means "heaviness," precipice" (OBW, 401), hence "danger."

⁹ Cf. OBW, 5232.

¹⁰ The sign dam, like many of the characters on the tablet, is badly formed. It might be su, but I think dam was intended.

¹¹ gan=nabâtu ša ûmi, OBW, 119¹¹. It appears to be employed here in contrast to the darkness of night.

No. 9.

AN ORACLE FOR ISHBI-URRA, FOUNDER OF THE DYNASTY OF ISIN.

Obverse.

- 1. a-a ^den-lil dug-ga-dug-ga-ni tugga-da
- 2. en-na šes-abki-ma lù erim ša-
- 3. mu-un-mê-ri-a
- 4. iš-bi-ur-ra lù ma-irki-ge
- 5. suģuš-bi ba-sir-ri
- 6. ki-en-gi ge-ag-e
- 7. gar-din-nam ne-in-gù
- 8. šà tukundi-bi pa-te-si uru-aš-aš
- 9. ni-gar-gar-ri-en-zi-en
- 10. dug-den-lil-lal-ta iš-bi-ur-ra
- 11. ni-bal-e-eš-a
- 12. lù-ušbar-dim uru-erim-ra
- 13. ba-sig mu-na-ta
- 14. šà za-e uru-na še-kak-dim
- 15. iš-bi-ur-ra nu-mu-un-su1-a
- 16. ì-de-šu gù-dug-ga gé-gé-de
- 17. lul-dù-dù ša-da ģe-ni-ib-da-tummu
- 18. uku-ba den-zu ge-ag-e-ne
- 19. za-e na-an-kin uku ugu-mu²-šù
- 20. nam-maši-du-un

- 1. Father, Enlil, his words to the oppressed,—
- 2. The lord of Ur, the hostile man,
- 3. verily he has subdued;
- 4. Ishbi-urra, the man of Mair,
- 5. his foundation has broken.
- 6. "Sumer I truly love."
- 7. thus he said,
- 8. "and quickly as *Patesi*, of two(?) cities,
- 9. I present (him) to you"
- 10. According to the word of Enlil, O Ishbi-urra,
- 11. thou shalt subdue them.
- 12. Like a seer to the hostile city
- thou shalt hasten, thou shalt enter it,
- 14. And thou, his servant, like a reed
- 15. O Ishbi-urra, he will not break.
- 16. Formerly a favorable response he returned;
- 17. The rebellion, crushed, was brought to naught.
- 18. Its people verily Enzu made.
- 19. Do not thou deliver the people to destruction;
- 20. let them not go to it.

¹ $su = šal \hat{a} lu$, "spoil," OBW, 8^{10} .

² $mu = nag\hat{a}ru$, OBW, 62^{33} .

- 21. šu-ni uru ki-a nam-ne-ib-sá-sá
- 22. lù ma-irki -ge mega-ur-ri
- 23. nam-en-na-an-na-ag-e
- 24. ì-de-šù mar-tu kur-bi-ta
- 25. den-lil à-tag-mu im-ma-zi
- 26. elam^{ki} ki-zag mu-un-tag-gi
- 27. šà iš-[bi]-ur-ra mu-un-ku-bi
- 28. kalam tuš-bi gé-gé-ne
- 29. nam-lig-ga kur-kur-ra ģe-zu-zu
- 30. a-ma-ru gu-za-e nam-tab-ku-šene-en

- 21. With power the city did not assist the land.
- 22. O man of Mair, the hostile plotter
- 23. did not do it.
- 24. Formerly Amurru from his mountain
- 25. Enlil, my helper, seized;
- 26. Elam, the strong land, he overthrew,
- 27. and Ishbi-urra he raised up;
- 28. The land,—its dwellings he seized;
- 29. The might of the mountains he took;
- 30. The tempest did not shake (his) throne.

Ishi-urra, the founder of the dynasty of Nisin, lived about 2340 B. C. He is here, as elsewhere, described as a "man of Mair," a city in northern Babylonia. He was not a native of Nisin. Similarly Lugalzaggisi, though king of Erech, was not a native of that city, but of Umma. The oracle apparently encouraged Ishbi-urra to attack Ur. In order to encourage Ishibi-urra in the enterprise, victories that Enlil, presumably through former kings, has achieved over Amurru and Elam, are cited. The text appears to have been composed at a later time, and states that, in consequence of the oracle Ishbi-urra's throne was firmly established.

"The lord of Ur, the hostile man" of line 2 is evidently Ibi-Sin, king of Ur, whom this text says that Ishbi-urra subdued. This confirms the statement on the chronological tablet published by Hilprecht (BE, XX), "Ur, its dominion (?) was overthrown; Nisin took the kingdom." A rival theory had been that Ibi-Sin, the last king of Ur, was taken captive to Elam. Sayce, PSBA, XXXIV, 166, so states without giving any

authority. Langdon, BE, XXXI, 5, repeats the statement on the basis of a text at Constantinople, which he there translates. The line on which he bases this theory is, however, broken. It has lost its verb. Langdon supplied "was taken," making it read "Ibi-Sin to the land of Elam (was taken)" (op. cit. p. 7). On this authority the statement is repeated by Clay, Miscellaneous Inscriptions of the Yale Babylonian Collection, 42. Our text shows that all this is erroneous. The broken line in BE, XXXI, 7, (i. e. No. 3, rev. 5), must have contained a different verb.

No. 10.

AN EXCERPT FROM AN EXORCISM.

After this fragmentary text was in type, it was discovered that it is an excerpt from a longer text (CBM, 14152) which has been copied by Dr. H. F. Lutz. Dr. Lutz has kindly permitted me to see his copy and interpretation of the text. The part of the text copied by me forms lines 5–24 of the reverse of Dr. Lutz's tablet. Some of the lines on my tablet are fragmentary, and can be completed from his. I would render the portion published here as follows:

Obverse.

- 1. kur-kur-ri sag ni-[zu x1 sig-gi]
- 2–3. ezen-gal-gal-ba uku-e [nam]-ģe-[a ug-ga mu-un-di-ni-ib-ni-e
- 4. den-lil-li durta-azag gi-li dú-dúa-zu
- 5. zu-ab bara azag-ga gal-bi tumma-zu
- 6. kur-sig x² azag-ki im-te-en-taen-ba
- 7. im-mê-ne-bi dingir-gar im-uš
- 8. oišgig-bi kur-kur-ra-aš mu-un-lal
- 9–10. muš-bi an-šag-ga⁴ mu-ba muun-til-til-ne

- 1. The countries, O prince, thy terror, darkness, smites.
- 2-3. Its great festivals inundate the people with abundant light.
- 4. O Enlil, holy seer-god, abundance thou makest to abound.
- 5. Mightily thou enterest the deep as a holy sanctuary.
- 6. On the low mountain of the brilliant shrine thou restest;
- 7. Thou⁸ art the protecting god; thou exaltest;
- 8. Their protection for the countries thou raisest up;
- 9-10. Their form as the horizon thou didstmake, thou didstcomplete."

¹ OBW, 232

² OBW, 239.

³ The duplicate text inserts a line between 6 and 7, which makes this and the following line refer to E-kur.

- 11. en-en-e bar-bar-ge-ne
- 12. šukum-a ininni-azag-gi si-ni-indi-[eš]
- 13-14. g]u¹-zurá-zur-ra ša ģul mu-un-[na-gá-gá-]ne
- 15. den]ilil sib igi-zu bar-ra-zu
- 16. dug-zi de-a kalam-ma il-la-zu
- 17. kur-giš-ni2-šù kur-ne-ni-šu
- 18. kur-ra ki-gid giš-bi gú mu-na-abgá-gá-an
- 19. a-ri-sa-dim[dù-a]gar ki-šar-ra-ge
- 20. gi-gi-ri-a gú kalám dugud-da-bi
- 21. šag-dug in-il(?) e nig-ga-ra-ka
- 22. e-uaģ si-di šukum innini si-nein-sa

- 11. The priests of his sanctuaries
- 12. Make holy Ishtar-cakes,
- 13-14. Words of blessing and destruction they utter.
- 15. "O Enlil, shepherd, thy eyes are bright!
- 16. The word of life speak! The land raise up!"
- 17. On the inaccessible mountain, on his strong mountain,
- 18. The mountain which is distant and great, the prince dwells.
- 19. Like a just shepherd appoint the command for the whole land,
- 20. With bright reeds make the surface of the land dark,
- 21. Offerings will it bring(?) to the treasure-house
- 22. For Emakh, the temple, Ishtar cakes it will make.

 $^{^4}$ an- \S ag-ga = $i\S$ id samê.

² giš-ni = pušikkee (M, 4017).

No. 11.

FRAGMENT OF THE SO-CALLED "LITURGY TO NINTUD."

This text contains a fragment of the text that Dr. Langdon has named the "Liturgy to Nintud on the Creation of Man and Woman,"—a designation which the writer is inclined to believe will have to be abandoned, when the whole text is known. A fragmentary form of the text is preserved on a prism in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. It was published by Langdon in his Babylonian Liturgies, Paris, 1913, plates LXV-LXVIII, and translated on pages 86 ff. Three other fragments of the same text have also previously been published: one by Radau as No. 8 of his "Miscellaneous Texts" in the Hilprecht Anniversary Volume (1909), and translated by Langdon on p. 19 of his Sumerian Epic of Paradise, the Flood, and the Fall of Man, (1915); another by Langdon in BE, XXXI, (1914), pl. 22; and a third by Langdon in his Sumerian Liturgical Texts, 1917. pl. LXI. Of these three, the first and third are in the University Museum in Philadelphia, the second in the Imperial Ottoman Museum at Constantinople. Unfortunately, even with the addition of the new material here presented, it is impossible to reconstruct the whole text of the work. The Ashmolean prism has suffered greatly from disintegration, and the other texts so far recovered are mere fragments. The text of this composition was divided into sections. At the end of each section there was a colophon giving the number of the section. The Ashmolean prism contained eight such sections. The new tablet which is published herewith was the second of three tablets on which the text was written in nine sections,—three on each tablet. Our tablet contained sections four, five, and six. Section five corresponds to section four of the Ashmolean text and the text of BE. XXXI; section six, to section five of those texts. Section four, accordingly (the first section of our tablet), is a section previously unknown. The text of sections five and six of our tablet is much broken, but as these sections overlap sections in BE, XXXI and the Ashmolean prism, the lines of which are also fragmentary, the three sources supplement one another in a very satisfactory way, and make it possible to restore several incomplete lines.

The nature and purpose of the composition are still obscure. Langdon (Babylonian Liturgies, 86) says: "The occasion which gave rise to the compostion appears to have been the coronation of a patesi king of Kesh." The evidence for this view is far from convincing. Kesh is mentioned in some broken lines, where it is impossible to make out the meaning, but so is Surippak. Several sections later a patesiat is also mentioned in a broken line. Apparently the text celebrated the primitive (or very early) conditions in some town; possibly the founding and growth of the town, but beyond this we can confidently affirm nothing. We must await the recovery of the whole text.

So far as the writer can see, there is no allusion in the text to the creation of man. True, allusion is several times made to the goddess Nintu, the mother of mankind (see above, No. 8). The sign $l\hat{u}$ which Langdon renders "man" the present writer renders "which"; cf. OBW, 289. Langdon renders "Like Enkkar may man bear a form"; the present writer: "Like Enkkar verily was the form which it bore." As Enkhar was a

place, it seems clear that the comparison refers to a place and not to a man. Men do not resemble places! The reading $gi\S=$ "man" in Babylonian Liturgies, LXVII, 22 (the line is numbered 19 in his translation on p. 91!) is confessedly uncertain. It is partially erased and the other copy which contains the line omits it. If $gi\S$ really stood in the text, it could with greater probability be rendered "tree" rather than "man." In the writer's judgment, therefore, the nature of the text is still an enigma.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Obverse.

- 1.im-e-ar-an-ni mu-mag sà
- 2. ... gal ^den-lil-li nam-ma-ni gal
- 3. [e]-à-nun-gál dingir-a-nun-ge neun-gar-šu ne-mu
- 4. e-šu-ba-im egir-gid dingir gal-gal
- 5. e-an-ki-bi-da ^{eiş}gar-bi ni-gar-mê el-şu ba-e-i
- 6. E-kalam ki-gar-ra zag-gar-ra us-
- 7. e-kur ge-gal gù-ni ud-ni-ir li
- 8. e dnin-ģar-sag-ga zi-kalam-ma ki-bi-šù gar
- 9. E-ģar-sag-gal šu-luģ-ģa tum-ma nam-ma-ni ni- pab
- 10. e-utug-da nu-ka-aš-bar nu-gá-gá

- 1. ... makes it bright, exalts the word;
- 2. Enlil fixes its destiny as great;
- Eanungal of the great god he founded, he named;
- 4. Eshubaim for the distant future the great gods blessed;
- 5. The house of heaven and earth, its structure he built, to brilliance he exalted it:
- 6. Ekalam is a structure appointed as a sanctuary;
- Ekur abundance proclaimed; then there was abundance;
- 8. The house of Ninkharsag is the life of the land; for its land there is food;
- Ekharsaggal is devoted to ceremonies; its fate he established;
- 10. Eutug¹ had neither oracles nor decisions:

^{1 &}quot;The house of the demon."

- 11. E-...-šar-kalam ama-šu lal-a
- 12. ..kalam-šar u-tu numun giš-kir šar tuk-tuk
- 13. ...lugal u-tu nam-kalam-ma tar-ri
- 14. [e] bar-bar-gan suslug ma-bi ag-
- 15. [ên-ġar]^{ki} -dim rib-ba lù ši-in-gaan-tum-ma
- 16. [ur-sag]-bi [d]as-šir-gi-dim rib-ba ama ši-in-ga-am-u-tu
- 17. [nin-bi] ^dnin-tu-dim rib-ba-ra ama-a ši-in-in-tuģ

- E....sharkalam for the mother was raised up;
- 12. ..The whole land was born; the seed of the kir-tree the garden received;
- ...the king was born, the fate of the land determined
- Ebarbargan, the brilliant, as his dwelling he made;
- 15. Like Enkhar verily was the form which it bore:
- Its hero, like Ashirigi¹ in form, verily the mother bore;
- 17. Its lady, like Nintu in form, gives the land abundance.

18. [gú I]V kam-ma-am

- 19. [gan² in-ga³-]am uru in-ga-am šag-bi a-ba-a mu-un-su
- 20. [gan² en-ģar^{ki} ur]u in-ga-am šagbi a-ba-a mu-un-su
- 21. [šag-bi ur]-sag-ur-sag-e-ne si-muun si-di⁴-e-ne
- 22. [eš-bar-kin dug]-ga šu-gal⁵ mu-un-ul-ul
- 23. [gan²-e gu]d-udu gud-am-ma⁶-ge m[ê-e]n
- 24. [erin-e ib-ba]-ab-[an sukka]l-suk-kal-e-ne
- 25. [gan-e gud šar]-ra-[am al-gù]...

- 18. Section 4.
- 19. To the field he went, to the city he went; into it who shall enter?
- 20. To the field of Enkhar, to the city he went; into it who shall enter?
- 21. In it their heroes were collected; they were noble;⁴
- 22. In decisions rendered, the word of all the gods, they rejoiced;
- The fields,—the sheep and oxen were like an ox of the stall;
- The cedars spoke; they were their messengers;
- 25. The field invited the oxen all of them:
- 26. $[gan-e\ udu\ šar-]ra-[am\ al-bi(?)]-$ 26. The field strengthened(?) the $\S u-um(?)$. sheep, all of them;

¹ I.e., Urta or Ninib; cf. B, 45.

² Langdon reads this sign e = "house," though he has copied it like gan = "field." In view of the preceding section, perhaps it should be e.

³ The lacunæ are supplied from Langdon's *Babylonian Liturgies*, pl. LXVI, 25 ff., and BE, XXXI, 22, obv. cil. ii.

⁴ si-di = išaru, Hebrew, yasher,, "upright one," "hero."

⁵ Cf. B, 7203-4.

⁶ Literally, "house."

27.	[gišma]-e-ne	gú[gišmà]	ma-gál-
	l[i]		

28. [gišku] nin sag...il

29. [8iš]a-tu-dù-šu dam-dingir-da pipi-sal....

30. [gar]-sag-da šar-a dingir-da sig-

31. [ên-ġar ki-dim rib-]ba lù [ši-in gaan-]tum-mu

32. $[Ur\text{-}sag\text{-}bi\ ^das\text{-}sir\text{-}gi]$...

27. Their fig-trees on the bank the boat filled:

28. The weapon the lord, the princelifted up;

29. The *luluppi*-tree of the wife of the god, the *pi-pi*-plants of . . .

In Kharsag the garden of the god were green....

31. Like Enkhar was the form which verily it bore;

32. Its hero was Ashirgi....

Reverse.

- 1. $[gan \dots a-ba-a mu-un^1]-tu-ma$
- 2. [šag-bi a-ur-sag-ur-sag]-e-ne [simu-un si-di-e-ne]
- 3. $\begin{bmatrix} dnin-\dot{g}ar-sag-ga \end{bmatrix}$ ušum-a an-na $k[i \dots]$
- 4. [dnin-tu ama] gal-la tu-tu [mu-un
- 5. [dun-pa-]ê pa-te-si-ge n[am-en mu-...
- 6. [daš-si]r-g[i] ur-sag-ga eš mu-un
- 7. [d]dim-me nimgir-gal-e edin-na mu-da-an-til....
- 8. [e]-é siqqa lulim-e gú am-magur-ri
- 9. en-gar^{ki}-dim rib-ba lù si-in-gaan-tum-ma
- 10. ur-sag-bi ^daš-šir-gi-dim rib-ba ama ši-in[-ga-am-u-tu]
- 11. nin-bi ^dnin-tu rib-ba a-ma-a šimu-ni-i[n-tuģ

- 1. The field . . . who shall enter?
- In it were their heroes collected; they were noble;
- 3. Ninkharsag, unique in heaven and earth....
- 4. Nintu, the great mother, the beget-
- 5. Dunpaê for the Patesi, the lordship....
- 6. Ashirgi, the hero, the dwelling....
- 7. Dimmi, steward of the plain, made alive....
- 8. The house of the wild goat and the ram occupied the bank....
- 9. Like Enkhar was the form which it bore:
- 10. Its hero, like Ashirgi in form, verily the mother bore;
- 11. Its lady, like Nintu in form, gave the land abundance.
- 12. [gu] VI [kam]-ma-am
 12. Section 6.

 13. [e-ud-dim-ki-gal]-la gub-ba
 13. Euddimkigalla stands.²

¹ The lacunæ are supplied from BE,, XXXI, 22, rev., col. i and from Langdon's Babylonian Liturgies, pl. LXVII.

³ This is the first line of section 7, with which the next tablet began.

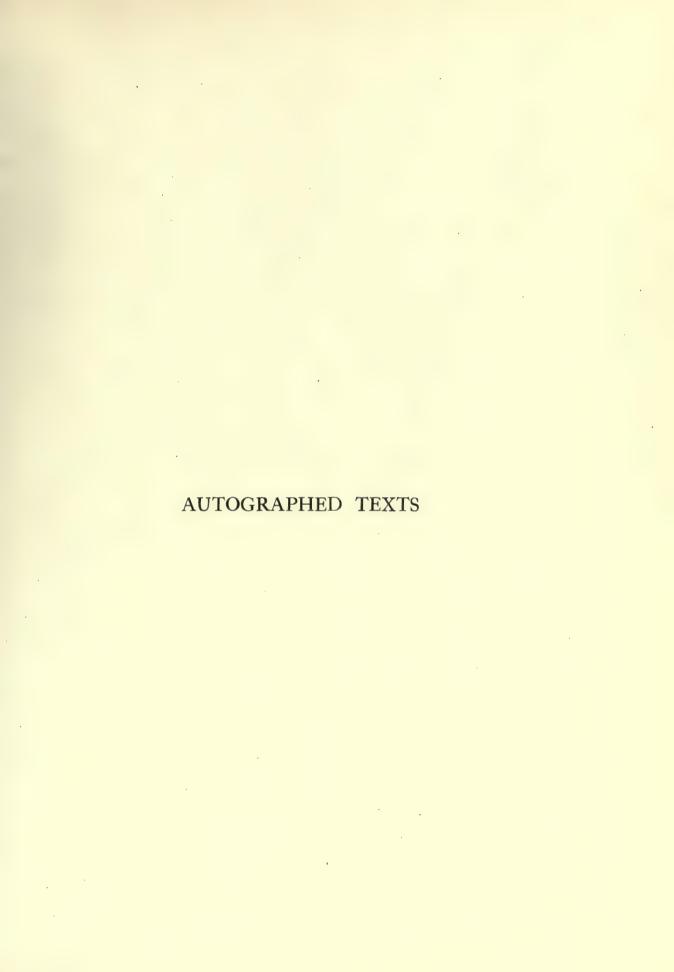
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3	5-7	11065	$7 \times 53/8 \times 15/8$	A Hymn to Dungi.
4	8-11	9205	$6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$	A Myth of Enlil and Ninlil.
5	12	11932	$7^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 4 \times 1^{\frac{1}{4}}$	Fragment† of an Incantation Ritual.
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11	22,23	8384	5 ¹ / ₄ ×2 ³ / ₈ ×1 ¹ / ₈	Fragment of the So-called "Liturgy to Nintud."
12	23	2225	$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	Fragment of a Hymn to Nan- nar.

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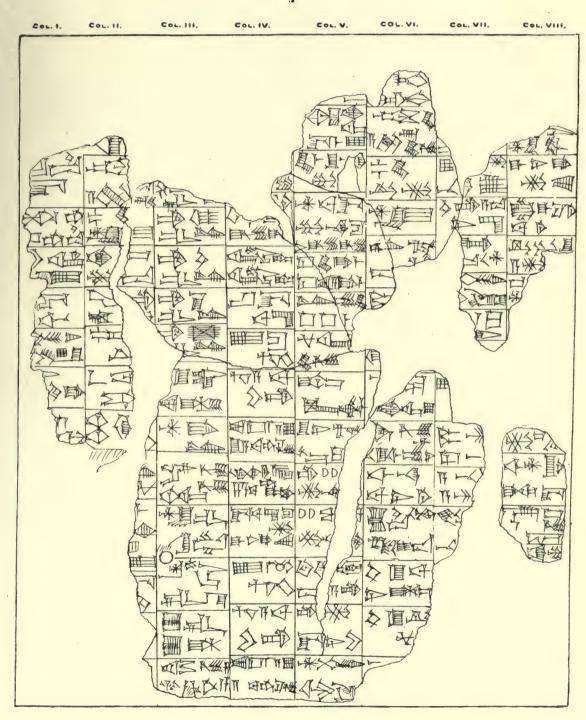
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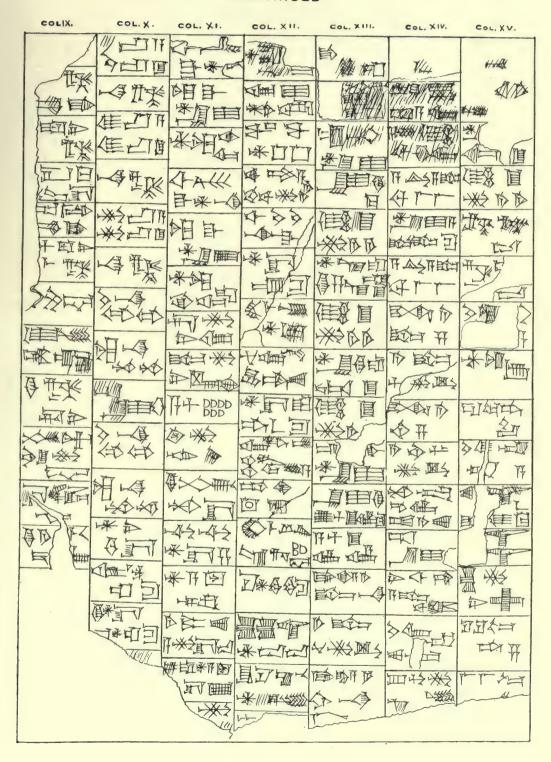




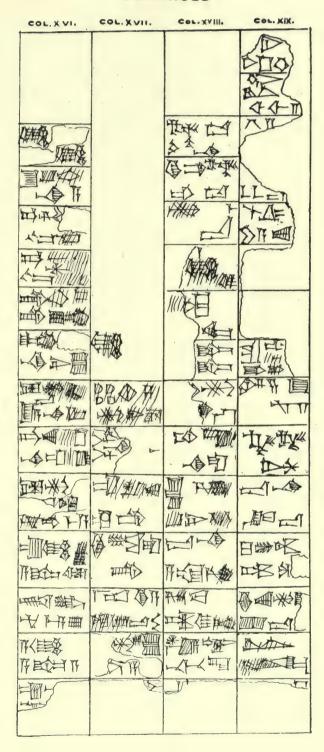
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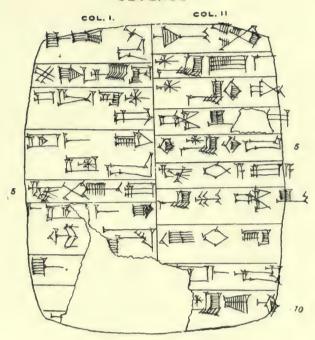




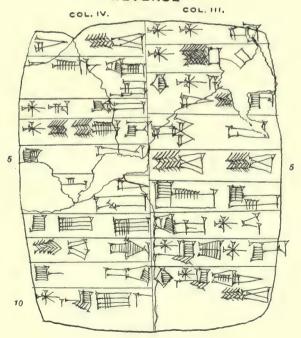




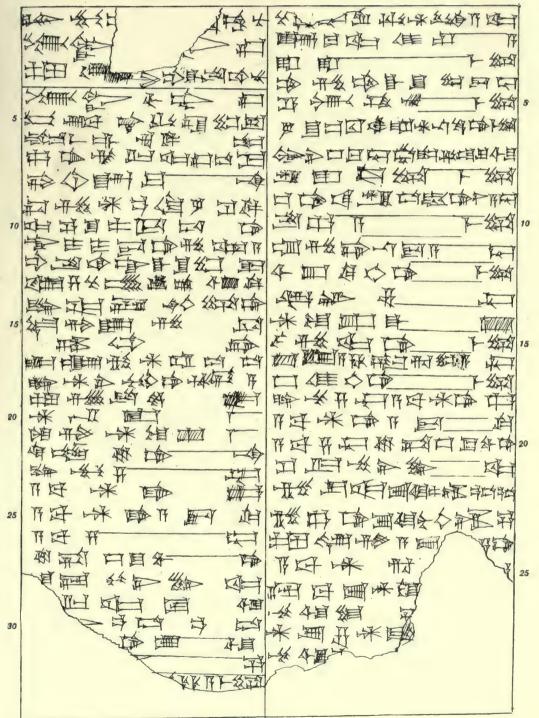
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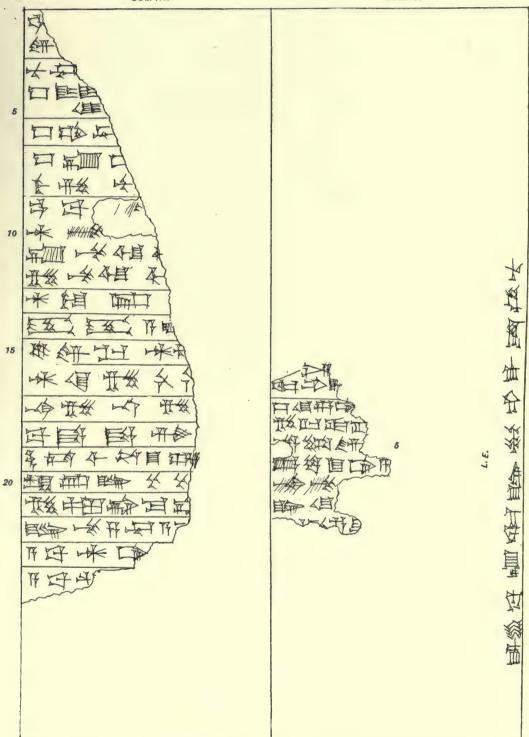


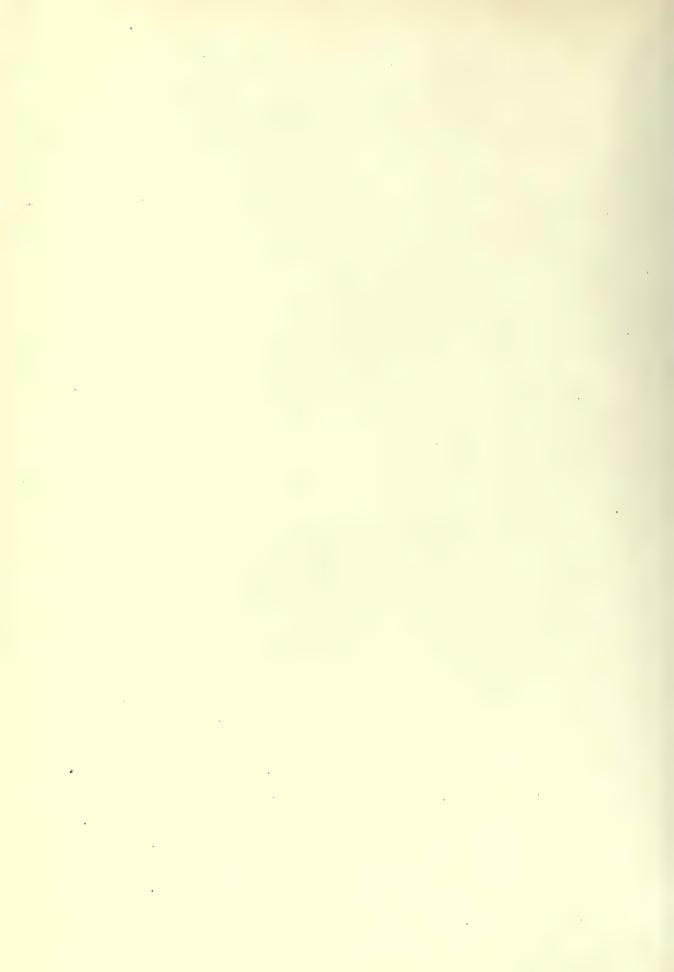




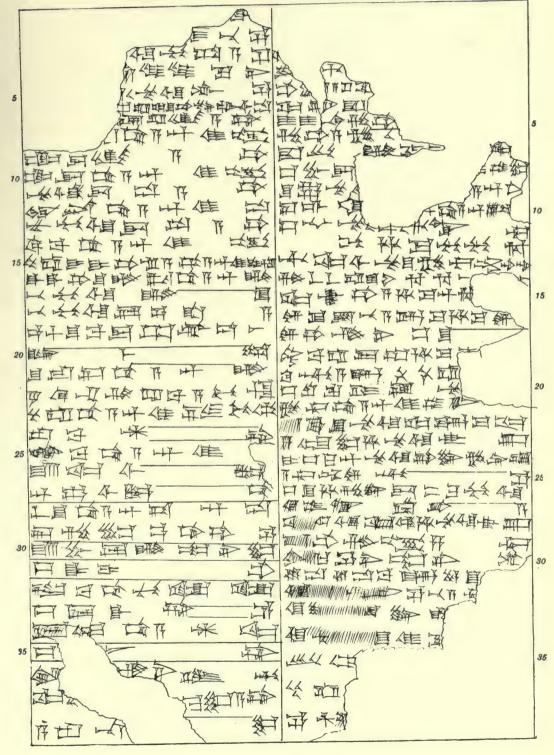
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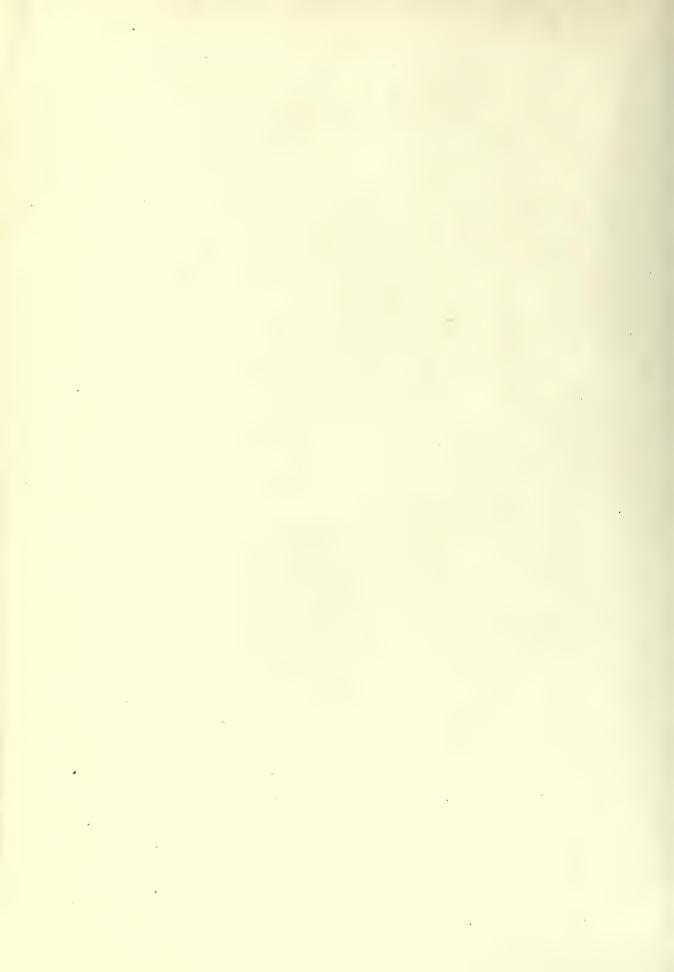
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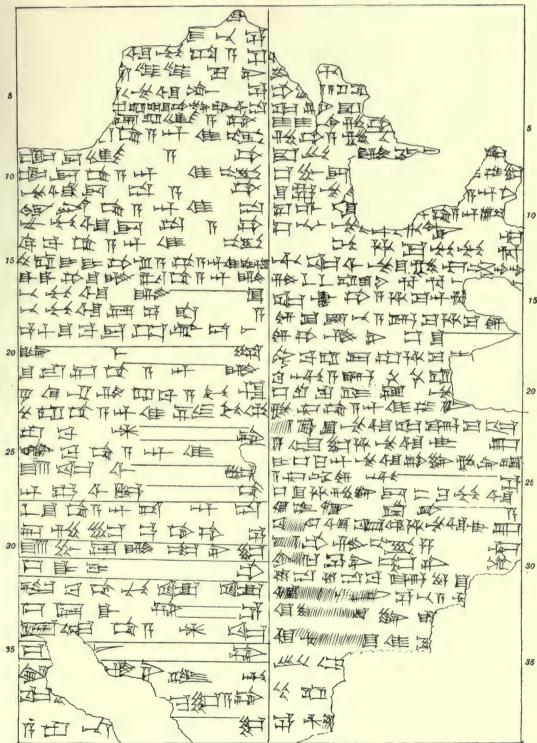


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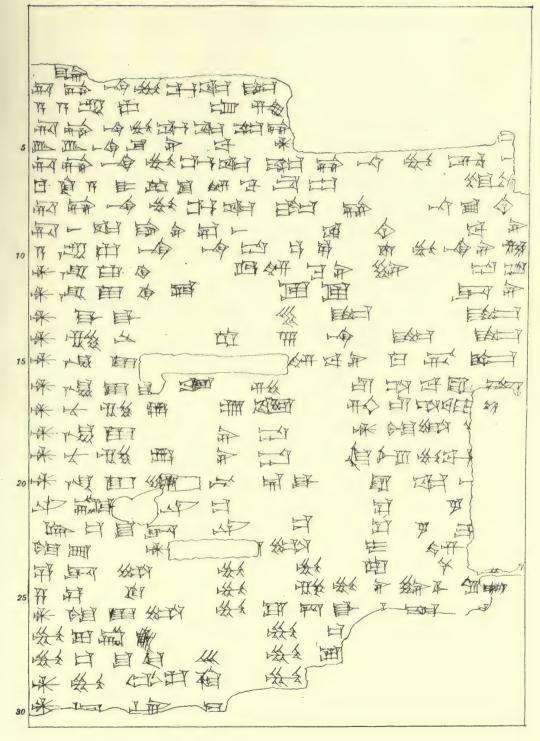




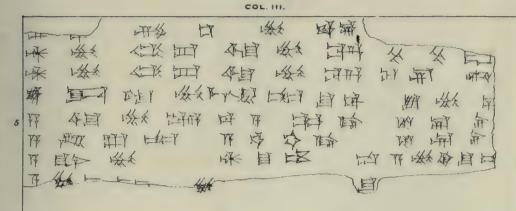
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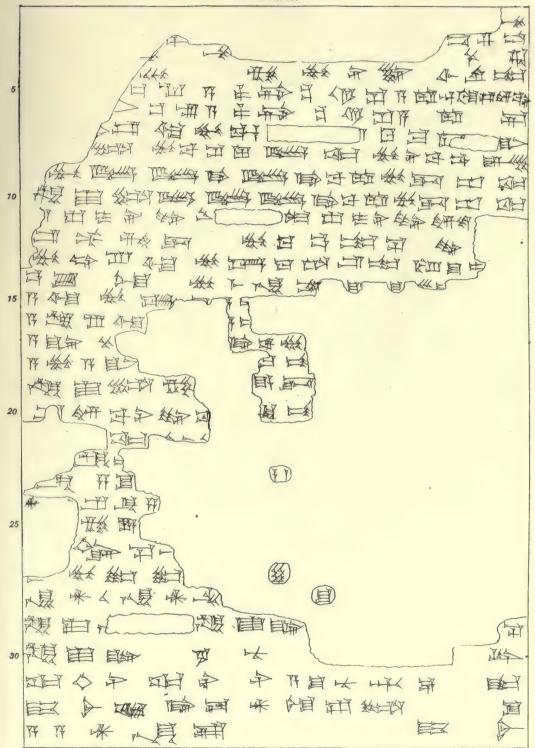








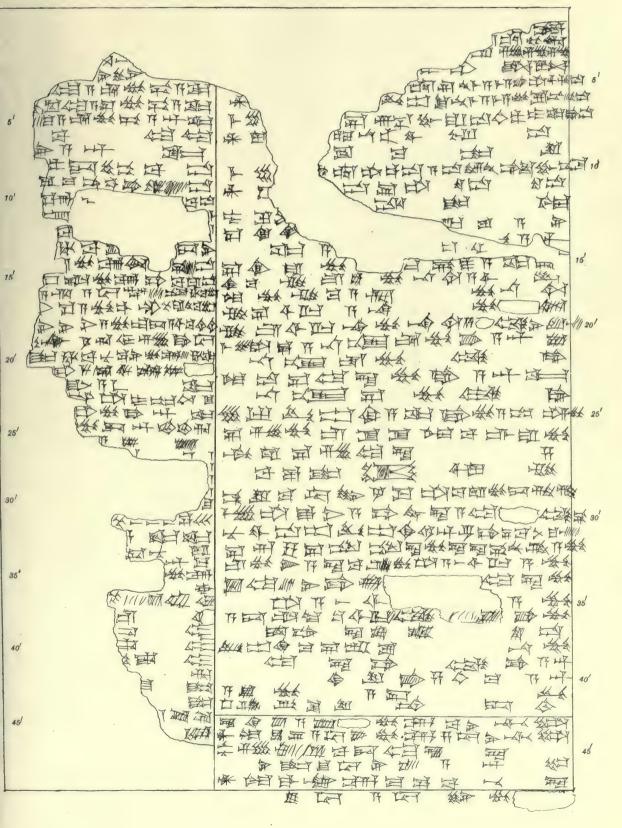
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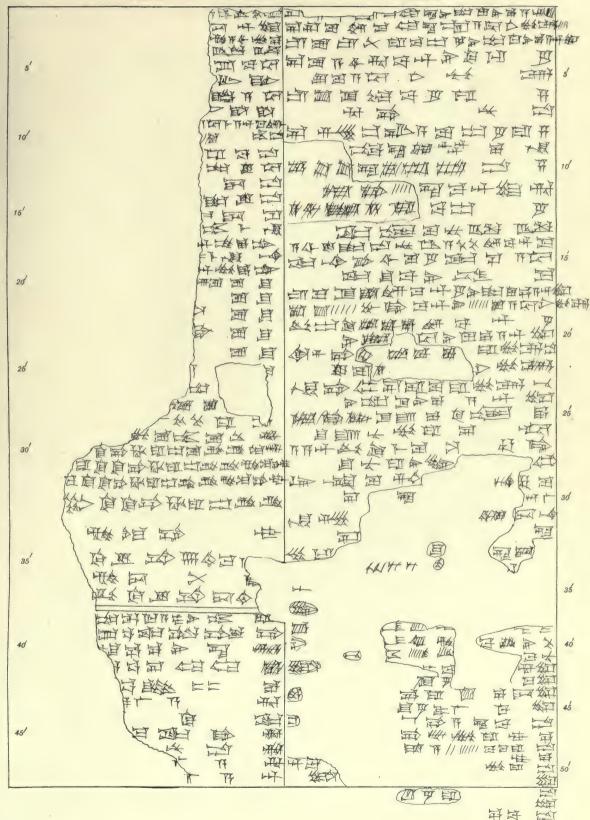


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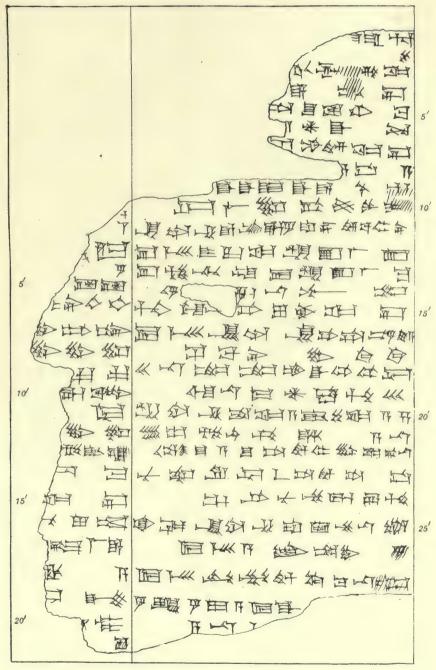




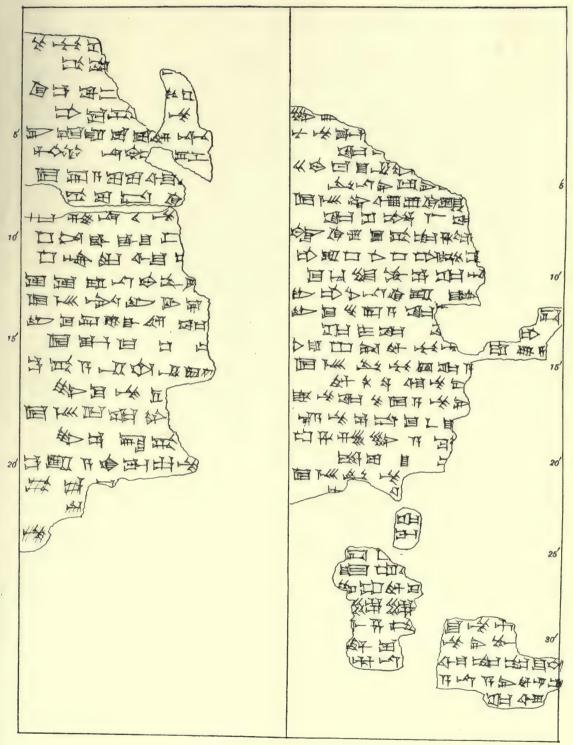


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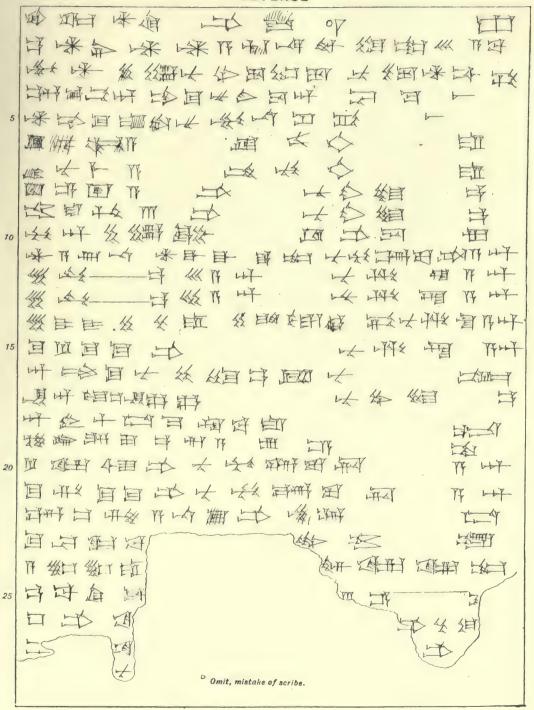




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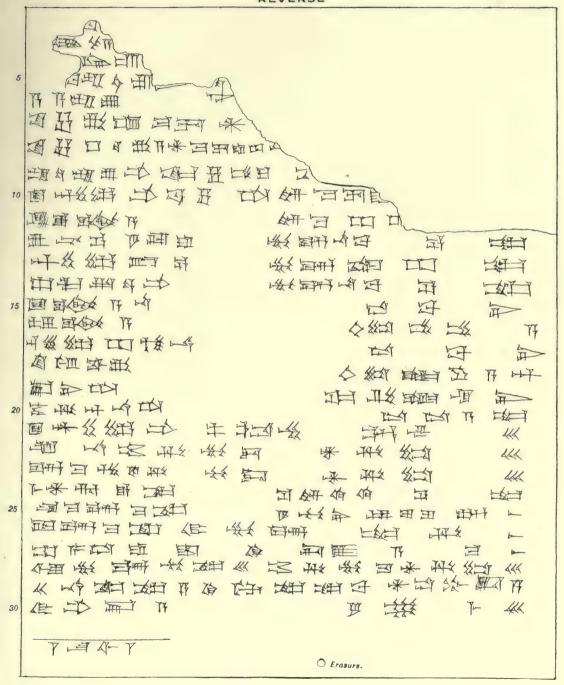


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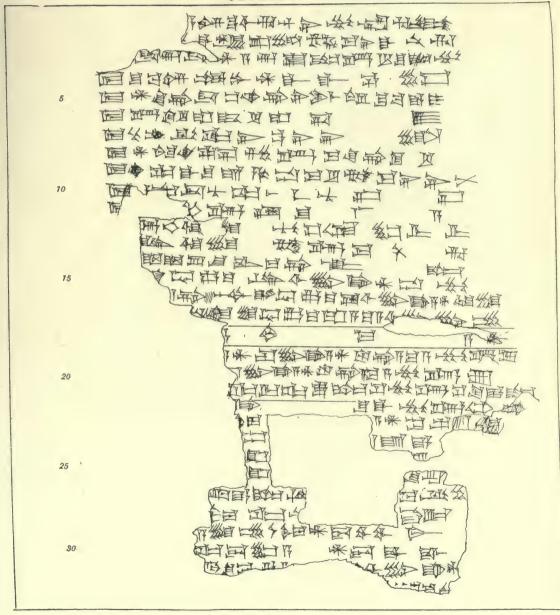
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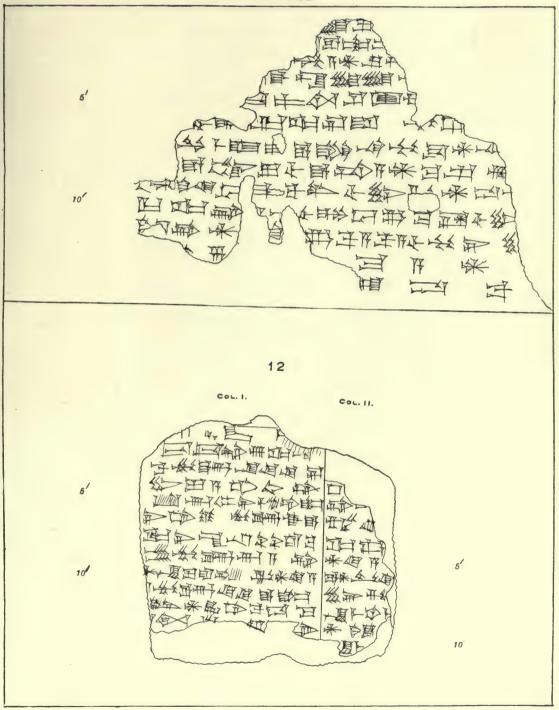


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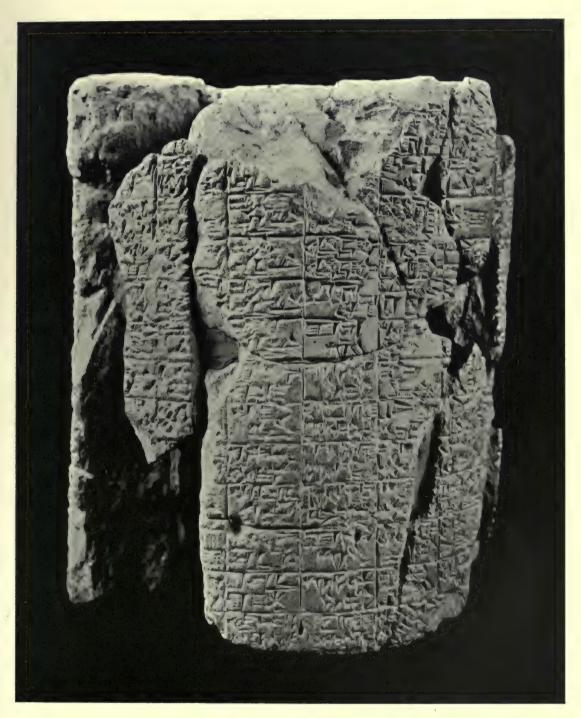
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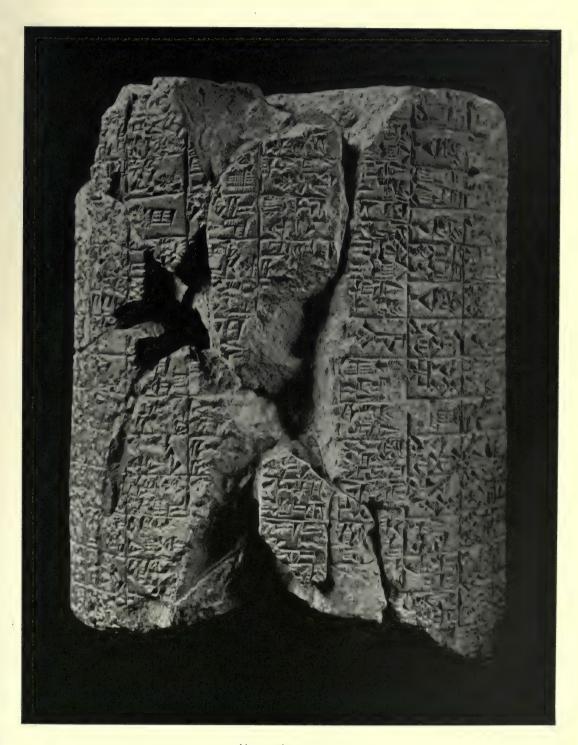
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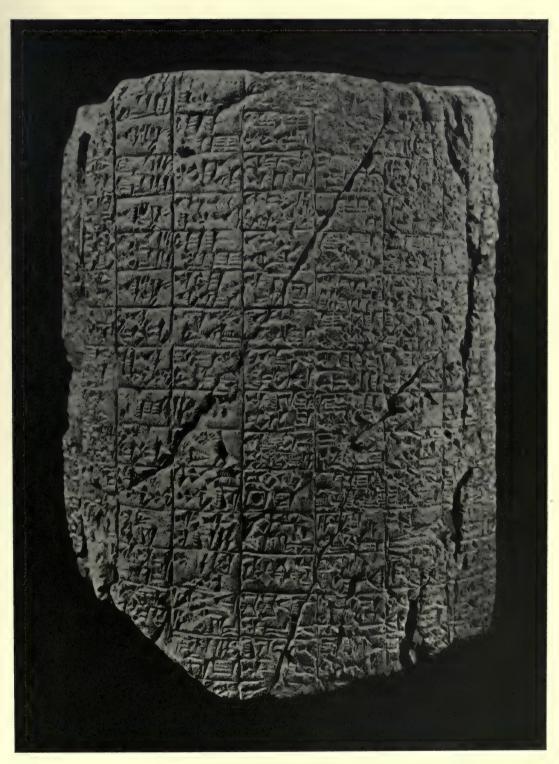
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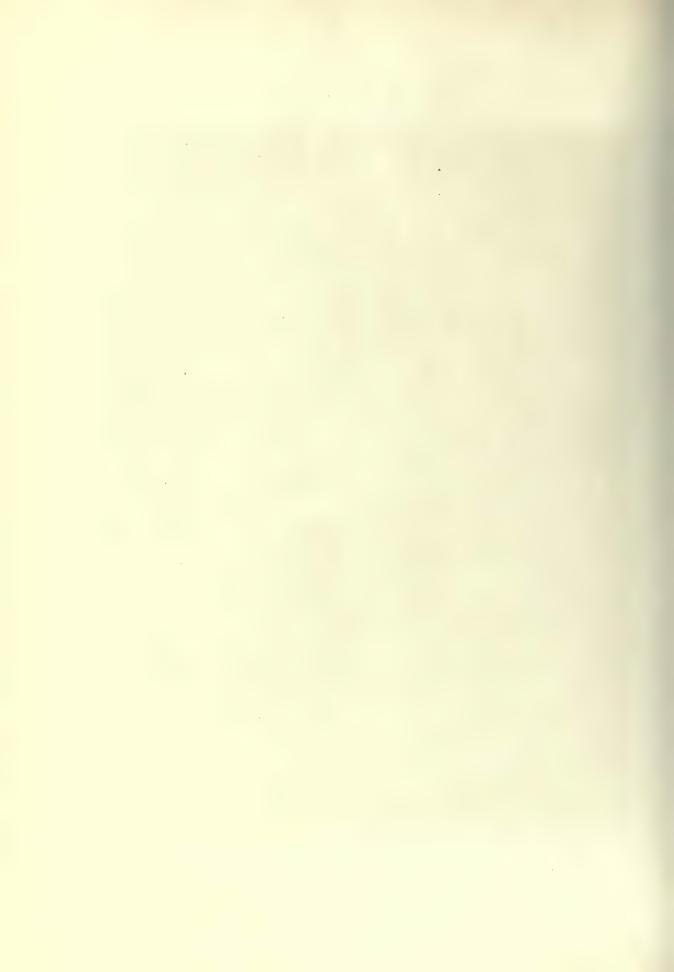


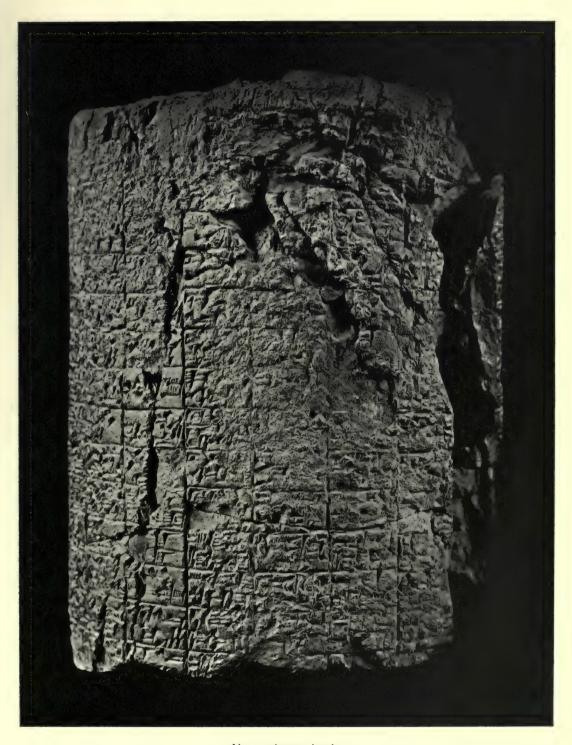
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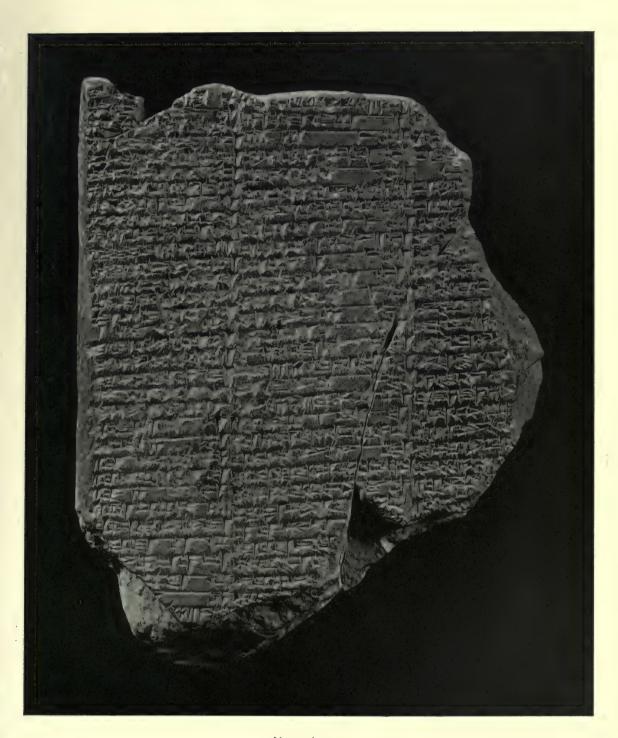




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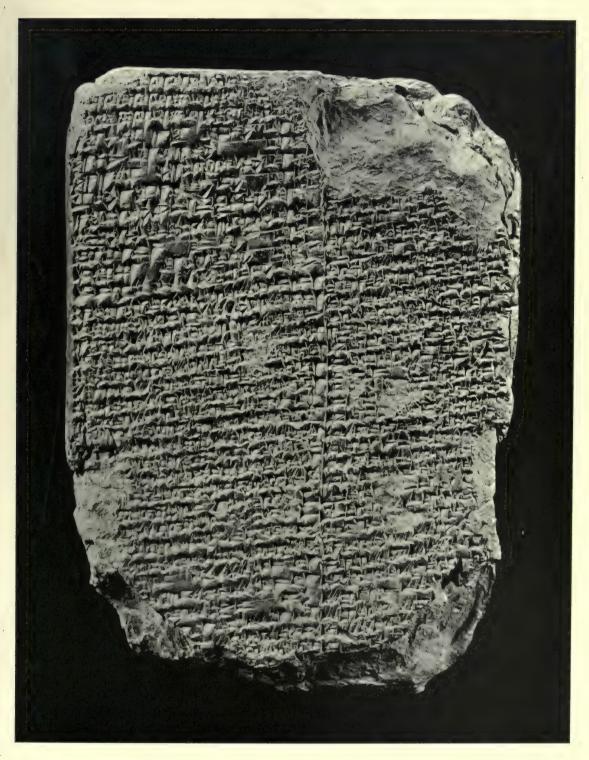
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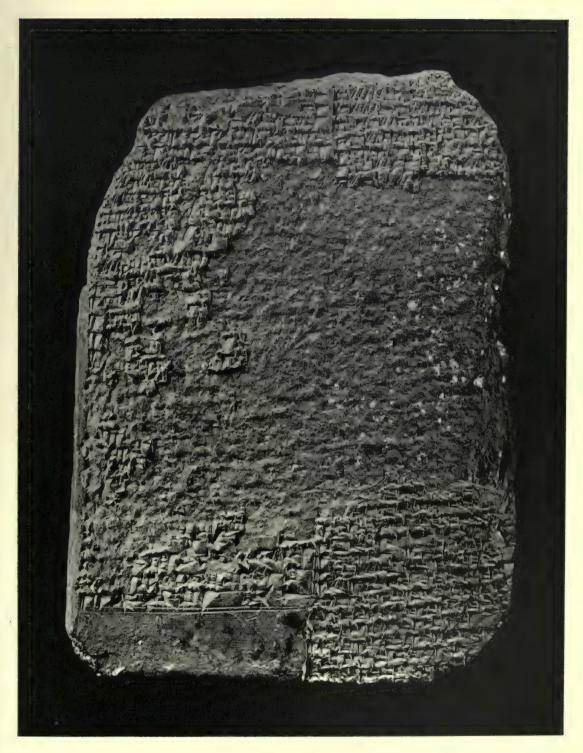
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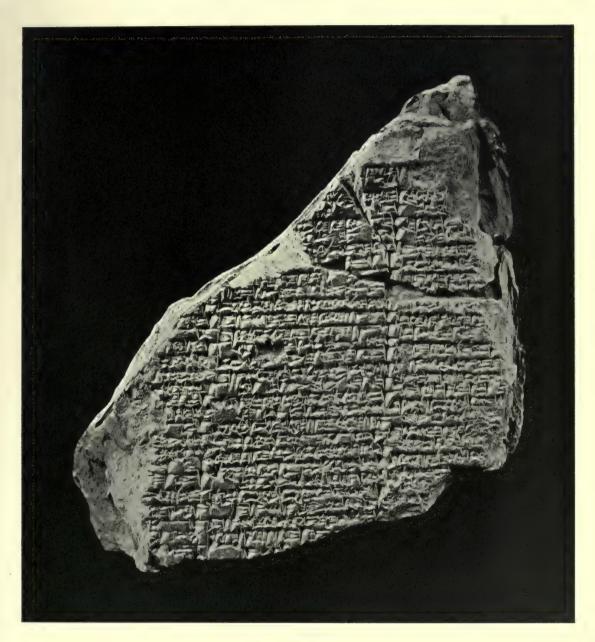
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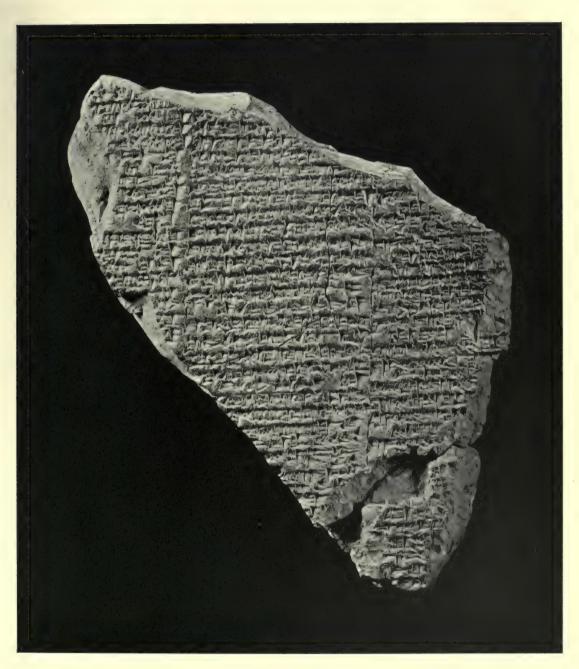
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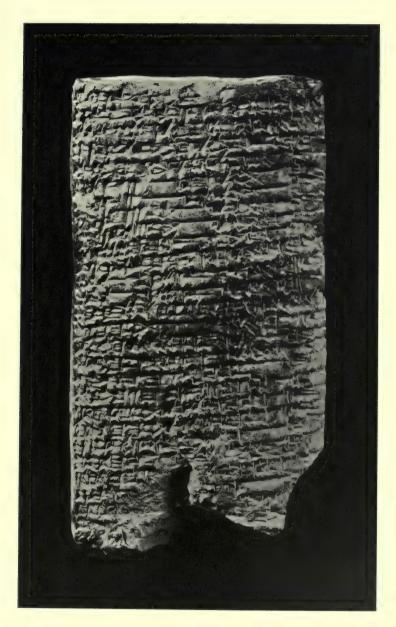
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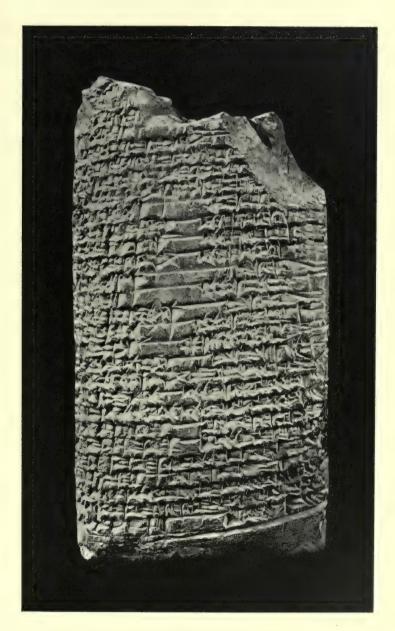
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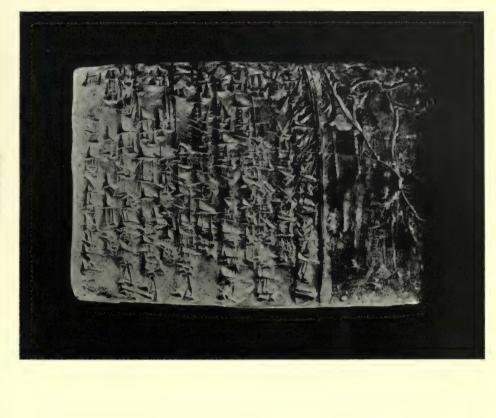
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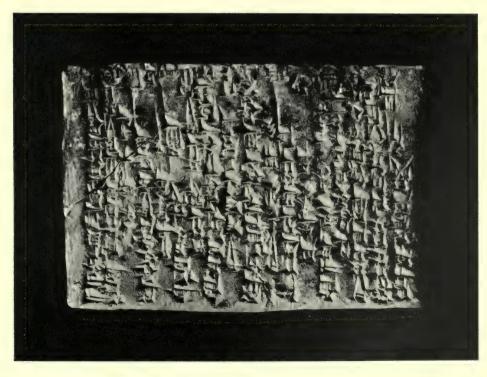




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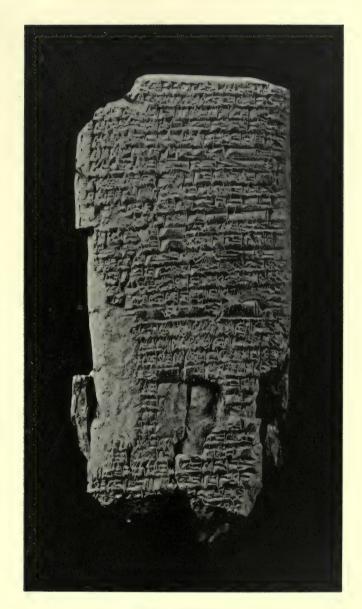






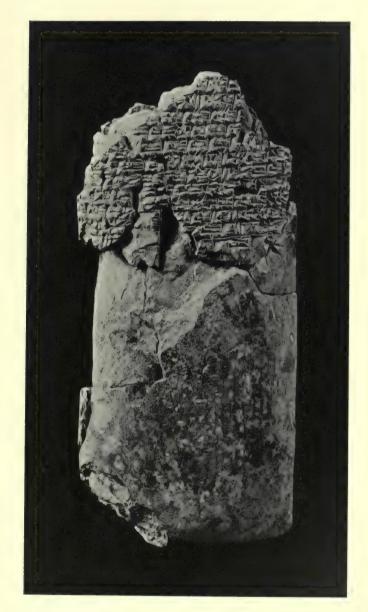
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25. Read T for T.

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5. Read Tr for Tr.

25. Read & & Ell for 18 AFT.

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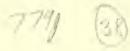
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